The
Captive Bride

Be loosened from thy chains

"Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion."

Isaiah 52:2

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"And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent."

Acts 17:30

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Abbreviations and Terms

ADRA — Adventist Development and Relief Agency, the charitable humanitarian agency of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.[1] ADRA actively seeks to utilize the Seventh-day Adventist Church to help achieve its objectives.[2]

AIDLR — The International Association for the Defense of Religious Liberty. Started by a Seventh-day Adventists who was the director of its Department of Religious Liberty in the Southern European Division of Seventh-day Adventists,[3] it is the European sister of the IRLA.[4] It works closely with the Trans-European Division of Seventh-day Adventists,[5] especially their PARL department. Its chief personnel are Seventh-day Adventists including the current Inter-European Division Director of Communication and PARL[6] who is the General Secretary of AIDLR.[7] The former Trans-European Division

[1] Adventist Development and Relief Agency, "About ADRA," accessed December 7, 2025, https://adra.org/about-adra.
[2] Emily Hirata, Michael Peach, and Sharon Tobing, "The Faith-Based Advantage: A Case Study on the Adventist Development & Relief Agency's Response to Humanitarian Impacts of COVID-19 as a Faith-Based Organization," *Christian Journal for Global Health* 8, no. 1 (July 2021): 24–33, accessed December 11, 2025, https://jliflc.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/541-Article-Text-7823-2-10-20210729.pdf. Quote: "Nearly 70% of projects in ADRA's global COVID-19 response were in partnership with SDA Church institutions."
[3] "History of the Association: Brief introduction to the foundation of the AIDLR," International Association for the Defence of Religious Liberty (AIDLR), accessed December 8, 2025, https://www.aidlr.org/history.php.
[4] Ganoune Diop, "The Crucial Work of Religious Liberty and Public Relations," in *General Conference Session Supplement*, ed. by Adventist Review, 2025, 52–56, on 54, accessed December 8, 2025, https://session.adventistreview.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/GC-2025-B0.pdf.
[5] Inter-European Division, "Inter-European Division Report," by Mário Brito, in *General Conference Session Bulletin 4*, ed. by Adventist Review, July 8, 2025, 42–46, on 45, accessed December 8, 2025, https://session.adventistreview.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/GC-2025-B4-sm.pdf.
[6] Inter-European Division of Seventh-day Adventists, *EUD Team*, accessed December 25, 2025, https://eud.adventist.org/about-us/team.
[7] International Association for the Defence of Religious Liberty, *Current General Secretary*, accessed December 25, 2025, https://www.aidlr.org/currentgs.php.

president who was during his tenure as Division President[8] the President of AIDLR, and he continues to be so now.[9]

Church — For the purpose of this book, it is specifically referring to those people in the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, unless qualified otherwise. It does not refer to a building or the incorporated institution known as the GC. However, there is a strong integration between the GC and the Church. This includes through the Church members paying tithe and offerings to support the GC and related administrative entities and these same entities providing governance over the Church. Further clarification on what 'the Church' entails can be found in Endnote 3 of the letter sent to the UN.

CSO — Civil Society Organization. See NGO.

Consultative Status — There is three types of consultative status: general, special and roster status. The highest level of status is general and the lowest level is roster. Those with general consultative status are engaged with the majority of issues that pertain to ECOSOC.[1] To obtain consultative status, an NGO must abide by the principles outlined in *ECOSOC Resolution 1996/31*. Of great concern to the Christian are those requirements of NGOs in partnership with the UN, outlined in Part 1:

> "1. The organization shall be concerned with matters falling within the competence of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies.
>
> "2. The aims and purposes of the organization shall be in conformity with the spirit, purposes and principles of the Charter of the UN.
>
> " 3. The organization shall undertake to support the work of the United Nations and to promote knowledge of its principles and activities, in accordance with its own aims

[8] "Inter-European Division," AdventistArchives.org, accessed December 8, 2025, https://www.adventistarchives.org/inter-european-division;
"News," International Association for the Defence of Religious Liberty (AIDLR), accessed December 8, 2025, https://www.aidlr.org/news34.php.

[9] Mr. Mario BRITO, Current President of the International Association for the Defence of Religious Liberty (AIDLR)," AIDLR, accessed December 8, 2025, https://www.aidlr.org/currentp.php.

and purposes and the nature and scope of its competence and activities."

And

"11. The organization shall have authority to speak for its members through its authorized representatives. Evidence of this authority shall be presented, if requested."[10]

***DGC* —** The UN Department of Global Communications, formally known as the Department of Public Information. (see The Voice of the UN for more information)

ECOSOC — The Economic and Social Council. Being an NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC enables the NGO to take a role in formal UN deliberations.[11]

***FBO* —** *Faith-based organizations*

GC — General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, a legal incorporated entity.[12]

Instruments — UN instruments are official documents adopted by UN bodies. Some are legally binding on member states once ratified (such as treaties and conventions), while others are non-binding, serving as authoritative guidance unless incorporated into domestic law (such as declarations).

***IRLA* —** International Religious Liberty Organization. Started by Seventh-day Adventists and continues to work closely with PARL.[13] It is headquartered in the GC headquarters[14] and all the Board of Directors are Seventh-day Adventists.[15]

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[10] United Nations Economic and Social Council, *Consultative Relationship between the United Nations and Non-Governmental Organizations* (Resolution 1996/31), July 25, 1996, accessed December 5, 2025, https://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ngo/Resolution_1996_31.

[11] United Nations, *"Introduction to ECOSOC Consultative Status,"* ECOSOC, accessed December 5, 2025, https://ecosoc.un.org/en/ngo/consultative-status.

[12] V. Michelle Bernard, "Corporation Meeting Kicks Off Afternoon Meetings at GC Session," *Adventist News Network*, July 10, 2025, accessed December 8, 2025, https://adventist.news/news/corporation-meeting-kicks-off-afternoon-meetings-at-gc-session.

[13] International Religious Liberty Association, "*PARL and the International Religious Liberty Association (IRLA),*" accessed December 8, 2025, https://www.adventistliberty.org/irla.

[14] If you click on the "contact us" link on this website (https://www.irla.org/contact-us) it goes to the PARL department at the General Conference headquarters https://www.adventistliberty.org/contact-parl.

[15] "IRLA Board," International Religious Liberty Association (IRLA), accessed December 8, 2025, https://www.irla.org/who-we-are. See Church Religious Liberty for more information.

Member states — *These are the countries around the world, such as the United States, Australia, Philippines etc. that have joined in membership with the UN. There are 193 members states, and those countries that are not member states typically tend to be observers.*[16]

MFAC — *Multi-Faith Advisory Council that was established by and works in close relationship with the UNIATF-R.*[17]

NGO — Non-governmental organization. The UN must recognize an organization as an NGO in order for them to be in a consultative relationship with the UN.[18] An NGO is sometimes referred to as a Civil Society Organization.[19]

OSAA — The UN's Office of the Special Adviser on Africa requests NGOs in relationship with it to be involved in monitoring progress in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals , as well as helping to implement the African Union Agenda 2063,[20] which is an outcome of collaboration between the African Union and the UN to ensure Sustainable Development Goals are implemented across the African continent.[21]

Papacy — The Pope and the system of leadership of the Roman Catholic Church.

PARL — Public Affairs and Religious Liberty department of the GC of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. PARL is "the official voice of the Adventist Church on matters of religious freedom

[16] United Nations, *Member States*, United Nations, accessed December 28, 2025, https://www.un.org/en/about-us/member-states.

[17] United Nations, *The United Nations Interagency Task Force on Religion and Sustainable Development Annual Report*, 13 May 2025, accessed December 9, 2025, https://www.unep.org/resources/annual-report/united-nations-interagency-task-force-religion-and-sustainable-development.

[18] "Apply for Consultative Status," UN ECOSOC, accessed December 8, 2025, https://ecosoc.un.org/en/ngo/apply-for-consultative-status.

[19] "Civil Society: About Us," United Nations, accessed December 9, 2025, https://www.un.org/en/civil-society/page/about-us.

[20] United Nations, Office of the Special Adviser on Africa, "NGO Database," United Nations, accessed December 5, 2025, https://www.un.org/osaa/content/ngo-database.

[21] United Nations, General Assembly, "General Assembly Praises African Union's Agenda 2063, Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals as Comprehensive Blueprint for Africa's Advancement," press release, GA/11708, October 16, 2015, accessed December 5, 2025, https://press.un.org/en/2015/ga11708.doc.htm.

and human rights" and is the source of liaison with the UN and other political and non-government agencies.[22]

Scriptures — The Holy Bible held as the sacred text of the Christian community. References are taken from the King James Version.

SAWS — *Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Service or Seventh-day Adventist World Service; the humanitarian relief agency of the Seventh-day Adventist Church first started in the 1950s. It is the forerunner organization to ADRA.*

SDA — *Seventh-day Adventist*

UN — United Nations

UNAOC — UN Alliance of Civilizations (AoC). "UNAOC works actively with religious leaders and faith-based organizations in three key areas: advocacy, capacity building, and knowledge management. Since 2013, UNAOC has organized or co-organized numerous events involving religious leaders and faith-based organizations, creating a global platform to discuss the best ways to advance the use of interreligious dialogue."[23]

UNIATF-R — *UN Interagency Taskforce on Religion. The UNIATF-R is "*a platform for knowledge exchange and management, capacity building, system-wide guidance and oversight regarding engagement with faith-based/-inspired civil society actors."[24]

UNRRA — UN Rehabilitation and Relief Agency. This Agency was set up to assist member governments of the UN to meet relief, rehabilitation, welfare and health needs post World War II. Churches and other organizations operated under UNRRA supervision as voluntary relief agencies (which is the term first given to what are now known as NGOs). To participate in the work with UNRRA, the agencies had requirements that they needed to abide by. In UNRRA's stipulations they said,

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[22] Religious Liberty," *Impact: Adventist Church*, accessed December 10, 2025, https://adventist.org/impact/religious-liberty.

[23] UNAOC "Engaging with Religious Leaders," June 18, 2019, accessed December 9, 2025, https://www.unaoc.org/portfolio/engaging-with-religious-leaders.

[24] United Nations, *The United Nations Interagency Task Force on Religion and Sustainable Development Annual Report*, 13 May 2025, accessed December 9, 2025, https://www.unep.org/resources/annual-report/united-nations-interagency-task-force-religion-and-sustainable-development.

"Voluntary relief agencies carrying on activities in any area of UNRAA operation are subject to the regulation of the Director General." These activities were overseen by the *Office of Voluntary Agencies*.[25]

[25] "Item S-1266-0000-0001-00001: Bureau of Services – OVIAL – Selected Memoranda and Correspondence re. Voluntary Agencies," United Nations Archives, accessed December 9, 2025, https://search.archives.un.org/uploads/r/united-nations-archives/c/6/7/c671cb4c9cc1516da2199152594d792c100939839798bae9d9974026aa58ee8e/S-1266-0000-0001-00001.PDF.

Introduction

"For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad. If any man have ears to hear, let him hear."[26]

Who is this book for

This book was written as supplementary materials for those who read the letter that was sent to the United Nations Secretary-General on January 7, 2026, which is included in the chapter on Matthew 18.

It is for those in the UN to understand the rationale behind the letter.

It is for members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church to understand the importance of the letter and why it is time to do something decisive about the General Conference's (GC's) consultative status with the UN.

It is for all those Christians and non-Christians who are seeking the revelation of honest, Bible-believing Christians who fear God more than man; Christians who believe Jesus Christ is everything and that this world has nothing to offer in comparison.

Whilst this material is specific to the compromise that has occurred within the Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) Church, if you belong to any other Christian denomination or faith group, there will most likely be links to the UN as well. See this book as a solemn call to your heart for fidelity to Christ and His Word, the Bible.

[26] Mark 4:22-23.

Time to reject union with the UN and ecumenical bodies

Throughout the material that follows, the reader will see a distinct pattern of alignment between the Seventh-day Adventist Church (Church) and the UN, not the UN with the Church. The book of Revelation shares the form of the gospel message that should be proclaimed at the end of the world. It centres on the proclamation of Jesus Christ in the Three Angels Messages of Revelation 14:6–13. The UN clearly operates in opposition to all three of those messages.

The first angel's message says, "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the Earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and Earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."[27]

The UN does not share a message of fearing God. In fact, through its policies and legal instruments (documents), such as conventions, treaties, and declarations, it creates fear of men. Further into this book, the reader will see that these instruments have the power to take away a person's liberty at the whim of the UN and/or its member states (countries).

The UN does not acknowledge the God of the Bible as its source of wisdom or any success. It does not glorify God, but glorifies man and his achievements.

The creation of God referred to in the first angel's message is denied by the UN. Through its policies of sustainable development and climate action, it upholds evolution.

As the Seventh-day Adventist Church has interacted with the UN, it has adopted more and more the language and principles of the UN, but the UN has remained the same.

[27] Revelation 14:6–7.

The Church's Official Statements listed under beliefs on the official website of the Church are filled with references to the UN, sustainable development goals and a variety of UN instruments that remove the individual's liberty in many areas. One of those areas where liberty is removed is in relation to worship practices, including the day on which a person can worship.

The second angel's message of Revelation 14:8 says, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." If the Bible student returns to the book of Daniel and studies Babylon, it is identified as a superpower that governed the then-known nations of the world, including God's people. When it made all nations drink wine, it did it with the vessels of the Lord's house. This was its final downfall.[28]

When an institution, seeking to govern the world, presumes the audacity to use the vessels of God, His Church, to spread their false 'wine' (teachings),[29] it falls.[30] As will be seen by this book, this use of God's people by the UN is not limited to the Seventh-day Adventist Church, but also to all major Christian denominations. It is the worst type of defiance against the God of Heaven and receives His condemnation.

The repetition of this second angel's message is given in Revelation 18, with a fourth angel. It says, "Babylon, the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the Earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the Earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people,

[28] See Daniel 5.
[29] Ephesians 5:17–19; Isaiah 28:8.
[30] Daniel 5:23–28; Luke 11:17.

that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues"[31] (emphasis supplied).

Every Christian who wishes to be faithful to God must heed the call to separate mentally and physically from the UN and entities like it if they do not want to receive the judgments of God in the plagues.[32] This separation is not meant to be expressed in mere disgust with the union and an aversion to acknowledging that the union has any personal impact. The extent of the union among the UN, member states, and civil society (including all religions) is so pervasive that every individual on this planet is implicitly part of it.

The Christian who wishes to be faithful to Jesus Christ will be among those who "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins."[33] They need to be like John the Baptist, who cried, "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."[34] They must cry with a strong voice, "Come out of her, the people who wish to be faithful to God."[35] This is the message that prepares the way of the Lord and makes straight in barren hearts a "highway for our God."[36]

Silence around this union is failing to love as Jesus Christ did. He also began His ministry with, "Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."[37] Whilst He declared this message to the individual, He also declared it to the collective of individuals — the Jewish Church, and the Samaritans, Romans, and Greeks who listened on. If we are to be a true Christian, we must follow in the footsteps that He has taken.

To share a message that the most powerful organization in this world is fallen and every individual and organization that wishes to be faithful to God should come out of it, involves

[31] Revelation 18:2–4.
[32] See Revelation 16.
[33] Isaiah 58:1.
[34] Matthew 3:2.
[35] Revelation 18:4.
[36] Isaiah 40:3; Malachi 3:1; Matthew 3:3.
[37] Matthew 4:17.

personal cost. Just like Jesus experienced, those who look on and see no overwhelming problem with the union will, due to ill-will and jealousy, seek to destroy the Christian who declares such a message.[38] Just like Jesus was, they will be falsely accused of trying to destroy the Church.[39] Just like Jesus, fellow Church members will falsely accuse them of inciting civil unrest.[40]

God's people will be numbered at the end of time.[41] Just like the numbering of Israel in the Old Testament, those who are numbered will be those who are willing and able to enter into the spiritual battle for the Lord against the enemy of God's kingdom.[42] They will be those who are sealed by the Holy Spirit, having such a love for Jesus Christ and His Word, that they sigh and cry for the wrong that is being done in the Christian Church because it misrepresents Him whom they love.[43] They will be willing to endure the strife that will come upon them because they dare to declare a loving message of chastisement that they themselves have first received.[44]

The message of the three angels is a final cry that says, "If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive *his* mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. Here is the patience of the saints: here *are* they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed *are* the dead which die in the Lord from

[38] Matthew 27:18; Mark 15:10.
[39] Matthew 26:50–61.
[40] Luke 23:2.
[41] Revelation 14:1–5; 7:4–5.
[42] Numbers 1:3; 26:2.
[43] Revelation 7:1–2; 14:1; Ephesians 1:13; Ezekiel 9:4; Ezekiel 8.
[44] Hebrews 12:3–29; Revelation 3:19.

henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."[45]

If the Christian fails to declare the message of the first two angels' messages with power and clarity, then they are partially responsible for the decision of those who choose to accept the Mark of the Beast.[46] Not identifying exactly which institutions will enforce the Mark of the Beast, such as the UN, is not clear enough for even a child to understand.

May all who read through all this material always keep in mind that where sin abounds, grace does much more abound.[47] God wants to prepare His bride for completing the work on this Earth and for His soon return.[48] "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise."[49] He will perfect His Church in righteousness,[50] but will the reader participate in that perfecting? That will be for them to decide.

[45] Revelation 14:9–13.
[46] Ezekiel 3:18.
[47] Romans 5:20.
[48] Revelation 19:7.
[49] 2 Peter 3:9.
[50] Ephesians 4:12–25.

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On Matthew 18

> *"Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican."*[51]

Many in the Church are rightly concerned that Matthew 18:15–17 be followed to give each person an opportunity for repentance and reform without condemnation.

For most matters within the church, Matthew 18:15–17 is relevant and applicable. It begins with, "If thy brother shall trespass against thee…" This refers to a disagreement or sin that occurs between individuals within the church. It is about handling a personal matter privately to avoid unnecessarily involving people who are not directly affected by the sin.

In the case of the union of the Church with the UN, this is not a disagreement between individuals. First, it was a decision made through generations of liaising with and uniting with the world. This is due to 'the sins of our fathers.'[52] Secondly, it is not a trespass between two brothers; it is a trespass between God's people, His Church, and Jesus Christ. This does not just impact

[51] Matthew 18:15–17.
[52] Nehemiah 1:4–11; 9:2; Daniel 9:16.

the relationship between individuals within the Church, but also affects the relationship between the Church and Jesus Christ. Furthermore, it misrepresents Christ to the world; this makes it a sin even against the world. Therefore, this is a trespass that is much broader and detrimental than sins between brethren.

Speaking of the difference between private and public sins, Ellen White wrote,

> *"True confession is always of a specific character, and acknowledges particular sins. They may be of such a nature as to be brought before God only; they may be wrongs that should be confessed to individuals who have suffered injury through them; or they may be of a public character, and should then be as publicly confessed. But all confession should be definite and to the point, acknowledging the very sins of which you are guilty."*[53]

The Bible records multiple instances of dealing with corporate and public sins. Matthew 18 does not appear to be the prevailing guide of action in many of these stories.

Biblical examples of dealing with public sin include,

- Moses's dealings with Korah, Dathan, and Abiram;[54]
- Moses's dealings with the leaders in rebellion at Baal-Peor;[55]
- Joshua's dealings with Achan;[56]
- Elijah's dealings with Ahab;[57]
- John the Baptist's rebuke to the Pharisees and Sadducees;[58]

[53] Ellen G. White, *The Faith I Live By* (Washington, DC: Review and Herald Publishing Association, 1958), 128.3.
[54] Numbers 16.
[55] Numbers 25:4–5.
[56] Joshua 7.
[57] 1 Kings 18.
[58] Matthew 3:7–12.

- Christ's warning to the scribes and Pharisees;[59]
- Christ's warning to the Church of His day;[60]
- Peter's rebuke of the Jewish Church in Jerusalem;[61] and
- Peter's dealings with Ananias and Saphira.[62]

Nevertheless, God always sends warning messages to His Church, before the message becomes so loud that even the world hears it and perceives the shame of God's bride.[63] Therefore, God, in His mercy, has sent many warning messages to His Church before now. The subsequent pages present a timeline that recounts God's attempts to awaken His people to their danger. However, before turning to that timeline, let us turn to a quote from the inspired pen of Ellen White given to the Church in 1888,

> *"If men would seek for usefulness in life, for true goodness of heart, if they would sever every cord that binds them in unholy alliance to the world and would stand wholly upon the Lord's side to be led and taught of God, then the life of Christ would be imitated. Those who profess Christ would not then seek to meet the world's standard and the spirit of rebellion, discord and apostasy would not be found in the church. Men would not worship man and receive in faith his boastful words in which there is not truth."*[64]

[59] Matthew 23:13–36.
[60] Matthew 23:37–39.
[61] Acts 2:5–23.
[62] Acts 5:1–11.
[63] Ezekial 5:6–8; 16:37–38; 36:20–23.
[64] Ellen G. White, *Letter 28, 1888*, in *Manuscript Releases*, vol. 12 (Silver Spring, MD: Ellen G. White Estate, 1990).

SDA Church members, who attended the 2009 joint conference on health and lifestyle with WHO, said that a partnership with WHO could dilute the SDA Church's distinct message.[65]

An independent ministry released a video on YouTube about the SDA leaders meeting with the UN. They spoke of this as a sign of apostasy.[66]

Timothy Perenich and Michael Farris released a book entitled *Vaccination: Biblical Revelation, Ellen G. White, History, Science*, specifically in response to the 2015 *Immunization* statement.[67]

Timothy Perenich appeared on YouTube in a program called *A Challenge & Appeal to SDA Leaders & Laity. Interview w/ Dr. Timothy Perenich on Vaccination.*[68]

[65] Ansel Oliver, "Potential Adventist Church-WHO Collaboration Looks Promising, Leaders Say," *Adventist News Network*, July 13, 2009, accessed January 3, 2026, https://adventist.news/news/potential-adventist-church-who-collaboration-looks-promising-leaders-say.

[66] ProphesyAgainTV, "These Men Falsify EG White To Support Ecumenism with Babylon & Popery," YouTube video, 2:14:55, November 18, 2016, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ol5SlZMWLcE&list=PLDPuj5e9oSTQT6NnkAWRQQZb5eIyFYYX2.

[67] For Jesus in New England, "A Better Position on Vaccination? Kirkpatrick Reacts to 2017 Book by Perenich & Farris," YouTube video, 11:27, August 2, 2021, accessed January 3,2026, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yaRArmuheXA&t=239s.
Timothy Perenich and Michael Farris, *Vaccination: Biblical Revelation, Ellen G. White, History, Science* (Kindle edition, 2019), accessed January 2, 2026, https://www.goodreads.com/en/book/show/51804016-vaccination

[68] Prophesyagaintv, "A Challenge & Appeal to SDA Leaders & Laity. Interview w/ Dr. Timothy Perenich on Vaccination," YouTube video, 1:46:41, posted December 3, 2018, accessed January 3, 2026 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P3G9uUoD0KM.

PARL responded to 'online allegations' that the GC is in an alliance with religious and political institutions, including the UN. This indicates that those in leadership had been made aware of the concerns.[69]

Liberty and Health Alliance issued a formal appeal in Defence of Liberty of Conscience to the Seventh-day Adventist Church and commenced an online petition.[70]

The General Conference released the 2021 *Immunization Reaffirmation* statement .[71]

The SDAPEARL campaign was launched with the first SDA congregation to formally reject the 2015 statement, at its business meeting in Namibia. A letter was sent to every level of the church administration, including the GC, to explain why it was important to reject the statement.[72]

[69] Ganoune Diop, "Not Everything Published Online is Truth," *Adventist Liberty* (blog), 2020, accessed January 3, 2026, https://www.adventistliberty.org/not-everything-published-online-is-truth.
[70] Liberty & Health Alliance, "A Formal Appeal in Defense of Liberty of Conscience to The Seventh-day Adventist Church," *Fulcrum7*, October 4, 2021, accessed January 3, 2026, https://www.fulcrum7.com/blog/2021/10/4/a-formal-appeal-in-defense-of-liberty-of-conscience-to-the-seventh-day-adventist-church
Liberty & Health Alliance, "Liberty," *Liberty and Health Alliance*, accessed January 3, 2026, https://libertyandhealth.org/liberty/.
[71] "Reaffirming the Seventh-day Adventist Church's Response to COVID-19," *Adventist Record*, November 4, 2021, accessed January 3, 2026 https://record.adventistchurch.com/2021/11/04/reaffirming-the-seventh-day-adventist-churchs-response-to-covid-19/.
[72] Newshound, "Church in South African Union Petitions GC EXCOM to Withdraw 2015 ADCOM Vax Statement," *Fulcrum7*, May 6, 2022, accessed January 3, 2026, https://www.fulcrum7.com/news/2022/5/6/church-in-south-african-union-petitions-excom-to-withdraw-2015-adcom-vax-statement.

June 2022

General Conference session delegate, Jonathan Zirkle, presented the Liberty and Health Alliance petition (with approximately 25,000 signatures on it) to the General Conference in session and asked for the vaccination statement to be added to the agenda. President Ted Wilson advised the delegates not to put the statement on the agenda.[73]

2022 to 2025

From 2022 to 2025, numerous churches requested that the GC break its association with the UN by writing letters to the GC President (formerly Ted Wilson) and General Secretary (formerly Erton Kohler, now the President). These were sent before the General Conference Session 2025. Some of these include: Ardmore SDA Church, Farmington Seventh-day Adventist Church, Die Hoek Sewende-Dag Adventiste Kerk, Iona SDA Church, Koper-Capodistria SDA Church, Lancaster Ohio SDA Church, Pagosa Springs Seventh-day Adventist Church, and the Yacolt Seventh-Day Adventist church.[74]

[73] Angelica Sanchez, "What Happened Today – Monday, June 6th," *Adventist News Network*, June 7, 2022, accessed January 3, 2026, https://adventist.news/news/what-happened-today-monday-june-6th.

[74] Platform Encouraging Autonomy, Reformation & Liberty, "Appeal to the General Conference 2025: Part 1," 4 June 202, accessed November 24, 2025. https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/b376a085-67d7-415e-82cc-e980a51e4c01/Appeal%20to%20the%20General%20Conference%202025-%20Part%201.pdf.

Platform Encouraging Autonomy, Reformation & Liberty, "Appeal to the General Conference 2025: Part 2." 6 July 2025, accessed November 24, 2025. https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/b376a085-67d7-415e-82cc-e980a51e4c01/Appeal%20to%20the%20General%20Conference%202025%20-%20Part%202.pdf.

Ardmore SDA Church in the United States read their letter to the General Conference on YouTube. At 15 minutes, 37 seconds of Reference A, they stated, "We wholeheartedly reject the involvement of the Sevent-day Adventist Church with the United Nations in any particular. This includes membership, consultative

Jan 5, 2025 to present

On January 5, 2025, a video was released revealing the GC's consultative status as an NGO of the UN. At that time, the speaker called for a disassociation with the UN, citing Judges 2:1–3 as a reference. This video was called *The GC and UN Connection*[75] and appears to be the video that Artur Stele referenced at the GC session in 2025.[76] Numerous other videos have been added to this one by the same presenter.[77] Other presenters have also added their voice to the call to disassociate from the UN.[78]

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status, or as a participant in the programs, the ethos or the initiatives of the United Nations. As a distinct and peculiar people, we are not to enter into any league with the surrounding nations, but we are to give a loud cry and a warning to the world that Babylon is indeed fallen."
Reference A: Ardmore SDA Church, "*To the Laity and Leadership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.*" YouTube video, 21:34. posted June 1, 2025, accessed November 17, 2025. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3WsFxR1orVo&t=13s.

[75] Med Missionary. "Prepare for GC 2025 | The GC and UN Connection". YouTube video, 1:34: 29, posted January 5, 2025, accessed November 17, 2025. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=41qcsfLeCZE.

[76] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist. "#GCSession 2025 - St. Louis - Thursday Afternoon - July 3rd" YouTube video, 4:10:30, posted July 4, 2025, see 3:13:00, accessed November 17, 2025. **https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pOwGX7oQAYY&t=1s**.

[77] ELIJAHSLOUDCRY. United Nations Playlist. YouTube Channel. YouTube, accessed November 26, 2025. https://www.youtube.com/@ElijahsLoudCry.

[78] Dr. Conrad Vine "Three generations | Dr. Conrad Vine" YouTube video, 1:18:16 posted October 18, 2025., accessed November 25, 2025. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vda7EL1Rzg8.
Dr. Conrad Vine "Buy Beware Part 1" YouTube video, 1:11:15, posted October 18, 2025, accessed November 23, 2025. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hVyfuP32LPE.
Pathway to Paradise. "The Image of the Beast and the Great Test" YouTube video, 1:00: 40., posted October 26, 2025, accessed November 25, 2025. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kyPd08Vk4xY.
Ardmore SDA Church. "A Plain thus Saith the Lord: A Message of Appeal Regarding the United Nations" YouTube video, 59:38., posted June 14, 2025, accessed November 17, 2025. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4QBCFFLwXnI.

Jan 21, 2025

Liberty and Health Alliance launched another petition to appeal to leadership to remove the *Immunization* statement and the *Reaffirmation* statement.[79]

July 3 2025

Delegate of the General Conference in Session, Georgia Kenny, requested, "Mr. Chair. in light of the point that has already been stated about the highest authority of God's church being the voice of the general conference with its delegates in session, I would like to amend the agenda to include the item to discuss the validity of any Official Statement not voted by a GC in session as well as our relationship with non-Adventist entities and ecumenical councils such as the UN."[80]

July 3 2025

The GC president, Ted Wilson, delivered a speech at the GC session of approximately 11 minutes denying any significant partnership with the UN, claiming that the GC has no contact with the UN except for representatives working with other NGOs for humanitarian, health and religious liberty reasons.[81]

[79] NewsHound, "Liberty & Health Alliance Just Released One of the Most Important Documents Ever," Fulcrum7, January 21, 2025, accessed January 3, 2026, https://gerry-wagoner.squarespace.com/news/2025/1/21/liberty-amp-health-alliance-just-released-one-of-the-most-important-documents-ever

[80] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist. "#GCSession 2025 - St. Louis - Thursday Afternoon - July 3rd" YouTube video, 4:10:30., posted July 4, 2025, see 3:05:40-3:06:13, accessed November 17, 2025. **https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pOwGX7oQAYY&t=1s**.

[81] Ibid, see 3:18:50–3:30:04.

Nov 19 2025

A group of faithful Bible-believing Seventh-day Adventists sent a letter to the General Conference administration requesting that the GC and all related entities disassociate from the UN and all of its associated entities.[82] The letter is shown in **Figure 1.**

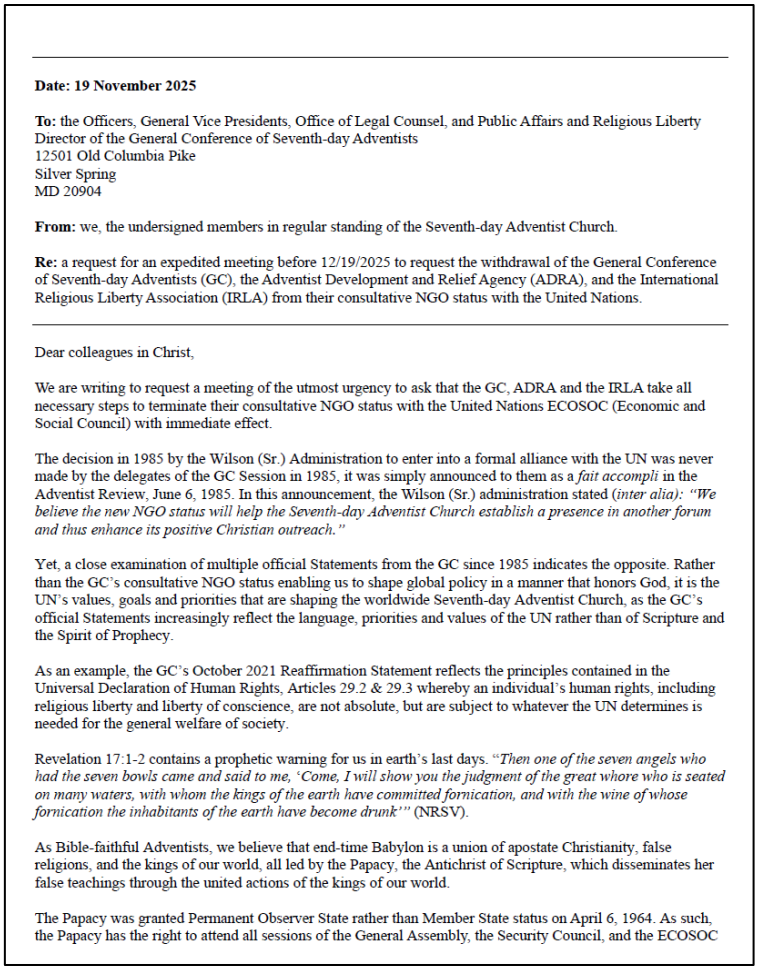
Jan 7 2026

A group of faithful Bible-believing Seventh-day Adventists sent a letter to the UN Secretary-General and began a petition for SDA members to sign. The letter and petition call for the UN to sever all relationships with the GC and its related entities. This letter is shown in **Figure 2.**

Figures 1 and 2 are on the following 18 pages.

[82] NewsHound, "SDA Group Sends Open Letter to GC Asking Them to Sever Ties With the United Nations." *Fulcrum7*, November 20, 2025, accessed November 24, 2025. https://www.fulcrum7.com/news/2025/11/19/sda-group-sends-open-letter-to-gc-asking-them-to-sever-ties-with-the-united-nations.

Figure 1. Letter sent to the GC of Seventh-day Adventists (downloadable from: FaithfulAdventist.org)



Date: 19 November 2025

To: the Officers, General Vice Presidents, Office of Legal Counsel, and Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Director of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
12501 Old Columbia Pike
Silver Spring
MD 20904

From: we, the undersigned members in regular standing of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Re: a request for an expedited meeting before 12/19/2025 to request the withdrawal of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists (GC), the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), and the International Religious Liberty Association (IRLA) from their consultative NGO status with the United Nations.

Dear colleagues in Christ,

We are writing to request a meeting of the utmost urgency to ask that the GC, ADRA and the IRLA take all necessary steps to terminate their consultative NGO status with the United Nations ECOSOC (Economic and Social Council) with immediate effect.

The decision in 1985 by the Wilson (Sr.) Administration to enter into a formal alliance with the UN was never made by the delegates of the GC Session in 1985, it was simply announced to them as a *fait accompli* in the Adventist Review, June 6, 1985. In this announcement, the Wilson (Sr.) administration stated (*inter alia*): *"We believe the new NGO status will help the Seventh-day Adventist Church establish a presence in another forum and thus enhance its positive Christian outreach."*

Yet, a close examination of multiple official Statements from the GC since 1985 indicates the opposite. Rather than the GC's consultative NGO status enabling us to shape global policy in a manner that honors God, it is the UN's values, goals and priorities that are shaping the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church, as the GC's official Statements increasingly reflect the language, priorities and values of the UN rather than of Scripture and the Spirit of Prophecy.

As an example, the GC's October 2021 Reaffirmation Statement reflects the principles contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Articles 29.2 & 29.3 whereby an individual's human rights, including religious liberty and liberty of conscience, are not absolute, but are subject to whatever the UN determines is needed for the general welfare of society.

Revelation 17:1-2 contains a prophetic warning for us in earth's last days. "*Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, 'Come, I will show you the judgment of the great whore who is seated on many waters, with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and with the wine of whose fornication the inhabitants of the earth have become drunk'*" (NRSV).

As Bible-faithful Adventists, we believe that end-time Babylon is a union of apostate Christianity, false religions, and the kings of our world, all led by the Papacy, the Antichrist of Scripture, which disseminates her false teachings through the united actions of the kings of our world.

The Papacy was granted Permanent Observer State rather than Member State status on April 6, 1964. As such, the Papacy has the right to attend all sessions of the General Assembly, the Security Council, and the ECOSOC

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to observe their work. The Papacy is legally capable of ratifying international treaties, and thus actively participates in the negotiation of international law-making treaties at the UN. It can make substantive proposals, reject the proposals of other negotiating parties, request a vote and even vote.

Empowered by Satan, the Papacy is the fiercest enemy of liberty of conscience. Pope Gregory XVI (1832) in his encyclical *Mirari Vos* stated, "*This shameful font of indifferentism gives rise to that absurd and erroneous proposition which claims that liberty of conscience must be maintained for everyone. It spreads ruin in sacred and civil affairs, though some repeat over and over again with the greatest impudence that some advantage accrues to religion from it."* Pope Pius IX condemned in the *Syllabus of Errors* (1864) the idea that "*15. Every man is free to embrace and profess that religion which, guided by the light of reason, he shall consider true."* Over the centuries, tens of millions of faithful disciples have been murdered by the Papacy in her quest for spiritual and temporal supremacy and to extinguish liberty of conscience.

In Roman Catholic thinking, all rights, including liberty of conscience, are subject to the doctrine of the common destination of goods, more commonly known as the "common good." Vatican II wrote, "*It is the right of public authority to prevent anyone from misusing his private property to the detriment of the common good*" (*Gaudium et Spes,* 1965). After Vatican II, Paul VI stated that "*All rights whatsoever, including those of property and of free commerce, are to be subordinated to this principle*" (*Populorum Progressio,* 1967). Thus, our God-given inalienable rights as moral creatures within a moral creation to worship, speak, teach, write, think, worship freely and live in harmony with our consciences, are subordinate to the papal principle of the universal destination of goods, or the "common good."

In short, through consultative NGO status with ECOSOC, the GC Administration is legally obliging every Adventist worldwide to submit their liberty of conscience to whatever the UN and / or the Papacy determine is for the common good or general welfare of wider society. Thus the GC's ongoing consultative status is both a betrayal and a denial of our God-given calling as God's remnant movement of mercy to a dying world, whereby we invite our fellow citizens to exercise their liberty of conscience and receive the seal of God rather than the Mark of the Beast.

Given the urgency of this subject, we request this matter receive your immediate attention and positive response to our request for a meeting by 12/4/2025 with the meeting to take place before 12/19/2025. Time is of the essence as we expect this issue will be addressed publicly during the mid-January 2026 religious liberty events across the NAD.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this matter. We remain, as ever, your loving brothers and sisters in Christ.

Signed:

Joanna DeBruyn.
James Desvallons.
Tim Hayden.
Mark LaRose.
Dennis Page.
William Pitt,
Tim Rumsey.
Conrad Vine.
Jonathan Zirkle.

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Figure 2. Letter to the General Secretary of the UN
(Downloadable from FaithfulAdventist.org)

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An Open Letter to the United Nations and to the Citizens of the World

A request to terminate any alliance of the Seventh-day Adventist Church with the United Nations, a solemn warning and appeal

Date: January 12, 2026

To: His Excellency Mr. António Guterres
Secretary-General of the United Nations
United Nations Headquarters
New York, NY 10017, USA
And to the People of the World

From: Faithful Members of the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church

Your Excellency and Citizens of the World,

As faithful members of the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church from different countries of the world, we write with a repentant heart, unwavering conviction, and sincere hope. We respectfully request the immediate termination of any alliance between the United Nations (UN) and its associated agencies, offices, and bilateral institutions, and the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists (GC) and GC related religious liberty associations such as the International Religious Liberty Association (IRLA) and, its sister organizations such as the International Association for the Defense of Religious Liberty (AIDLR). Furthermore, we request an orderly withdrawal of all GC-related entities, such as the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), and we request all existing partner contracts be completed within the year and no new partner contracts be formed.

Our objective is complete severance of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and its related entities from the UN and its associated agencies, offices, and bilateral institutions.

Like the highest administrative body of many other Christian denominations,[1] the GC has held NGO consultative status with the United Nations for decades. This status, obtained in 1985[2] without the knowledge or consent of the worldwide Church[3] membership, is invalid. We recognize that the current GC leadership did not obtain this status; yet they are fully aware of the ongoing partnership[4] and have received repeated appeals for its reconsideration. Concerns have been raised by individuals,[5] churches,[6] and even delegates at the quinquennial General Conference Sessions,[7] but the GC have consistently not engaged in any discussion with the larger Church body on this issue. Most members remained unaware of this affiliation or its implications until the COVID-19 pandemic, when the GC and its associated institutions were unwilling to officially endorse the religious liberty claims of members and employees.[8]

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During the pandemic, official GC publications stated that refusing mandated vaccines was inconsistent with Seventh-day Adventist beliefs, and even likened those members who declined vaccination to murderers.[9] The crisis exposed a vital principle of Biblical Seventh-day Adventist governance: no GC leader, council, or session has Biblical authority to bind or compel the actions or conscience of individual believers.[10]

No GC representative—past or present—has the right to align the Church with the UN, its goals and agenda, or to endorse that which is contrary to God's will revealed in the plain reading of the Bible.[11]

Though we desire global peace,[12] the Bible teaches that no man-made entity can bring it about and any attempt to trust in men to bring such peace without liberty of conscience[13] is ultimately doomed to failure.[14] The Bible also declares that any union of church and state will end in devastation until Christ Himself returns to judge the wicked and take His faithful home.[15] God does not need, nor will He use the UN to establish peace, security, or prosperity on earth. Boasts of global peace may lead to sudden destruction.[16] Jesus said, *"My kingdom is not of this world"*—He alone offers true peace, not as the world gives.[17] He foretold continual wars and unrest until the gospel reaches every nation and He returns at the Second Coming.[18]

Jesus Christ warned that faithfulness to His truth would bring conflict and persecution[19] from those that do not espouse Biblical truth [20] such as powerful institutions like the UN.[21]

The Bible teaches that humanity is divided into two groups: those who are wholly devoted to the truth of God's Word and the redeeming grace of Christ, and all others.[22] The UN cannot belong to the group faithful to the Scripture as Christians are called to be,[23] for it is a coalition of many religions and promotes an esoteric christ.[24] The Bible reveals that the UN's effort to consolidate all faiths under a single ideal of spiritual brotherhood to collaborate with world governments produces a counterfeit spirituality.[25]

Christ's true followers never obtain the support of political systems.[26] He said that the way to salvation is narrow and few will find it, while the path to destruction is broad.[27] By its very universality, the UN follows that broad path.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church cannot support all UN goals because many are opposed to Scripture.[28] The rejection of religious liberty claims during the pandemic revealed that the GC and associated entities, such as the International Religious Liberty Association (IRLA), had forsaken Biblical religious liberty in favor of the UN's definition of religious liberty, as set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR, Article 18).[29] The Church, commissioned to influence the world,[30] has been coopted by the world through the UN. The Church, commissioned to influence the world, has been coopted by the world through the UN.This does not mean that the Church, which is its membership, is in alignment with the UN; nor does it imply that the GC's current consultative status with the UN is compatible with the Church's beliefs.

The Church requires an internal reformation, wholly independent of the UN, to return to full harmony with the Word of God.[31]

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The UN's 1968 ECOSOC Resolution 1296, which was in force when the GC gained its consultative status in 1985, and the more recent ECOSOC Resolution 1996/31, stipulate that "the aims and purposes of the organization shall be in conformity with the spirit, purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations." [32] However, many core Biblical Seventh-day Adventist beliefs fundamentally conflict with the spirit, purposes and principles of the UN, making any affiliation Biblically incompatible. Beliefs such as,

(i) The Biblical doctrine of a recent literal six-day Creation[33] rejects the evolutionary and deep-time or long-age chronology underlying UN biodiversity, climate, heritage, and health policies.[34]

(ii) Seventh-day Adventists affirm through the Biblical "great controversy" theme[35] and related doctrines that all men have sinned and salvation is found solely through a relationship with the Biblical Jesus Christ,[36] in contrast to the UN's ideals of universal brotherhood, religious equivalence, and the notion that all people who are in harmony with the UN are of goodwill.[37]

(iii) God is our Healer, and our responsibility is to honor the natural laws of health[38] rather than depend on pharmaceutical systems that mirror the drug-based paradigms endorsed by the UN and its specialized agency, the World Health Organization.[39]

(iv) The seventh-day Sabbath, a divine command and sign of our belief in God's work of a recent literal six-day creation and His ability to make us holy,[40] stands in conflict with civil and international laws (e.g., ILO Conventions 14 and 106) that establish rest days by human custom or tradition. Enforcement of these laws requires transferring allegiance from God to human authority in matters of conscience[41] and reflect the prophetic "mark of the beast."[42]

(v) The principle of Biblical religious liberty holds that all worship practices—including Sabbath observance and health choices—are matters of conscience,[43] and are contrary to UN policies tending toward uniformity and coercion.[44]

(vi) Biblical prophecies, as highlighted in Daniel and Revelation, of a global end-time confederacy of civil and religious powers uniting under satanic influence in final opposition to Christ's kingdom[45] find striking parallels in the structure and unifying aims of the United Nations.[46] (Whether the UN will ultimately fulfill these prophecies is as yet not entirely certain, for world events may shift, allowing another power to assume that role. Scripture gives prophecy so that believers may recognize God's sovereignty and believe as His word is fulfilled, yet its language is often purposefully veiled—offering guidance without removing human freedom or responsibility.)[47]

(vii) The UN Millennium Development Goals and Sustainable Development Goals are about achieving temporal and progressive peace in this world.[48] However, the Biblical view of the Second Coming, the Resurrection of the righteous, and the Biblical Millennium affirms that the earth will lie desolate for a thousand years after Jesus Christ's second coming. At the second coming, the living and resurrected righteous will go to heaven to live and reign with Jesus Christ for a thousand years in heaven. The only peace before the earth is made new[49] will be in heaven.

(viii) The Bible identifies the body of faithful Christians as the priesthood of all believers, a structure which rejects any hierarchy that binds the conscience, as Christ is the head of the Church and each believer.[50] This Biblical form of governance for God's true people contradicts UN Resolution 1996/31, which requires affiliated NGOs to exercise centralized authority over their members.[51]

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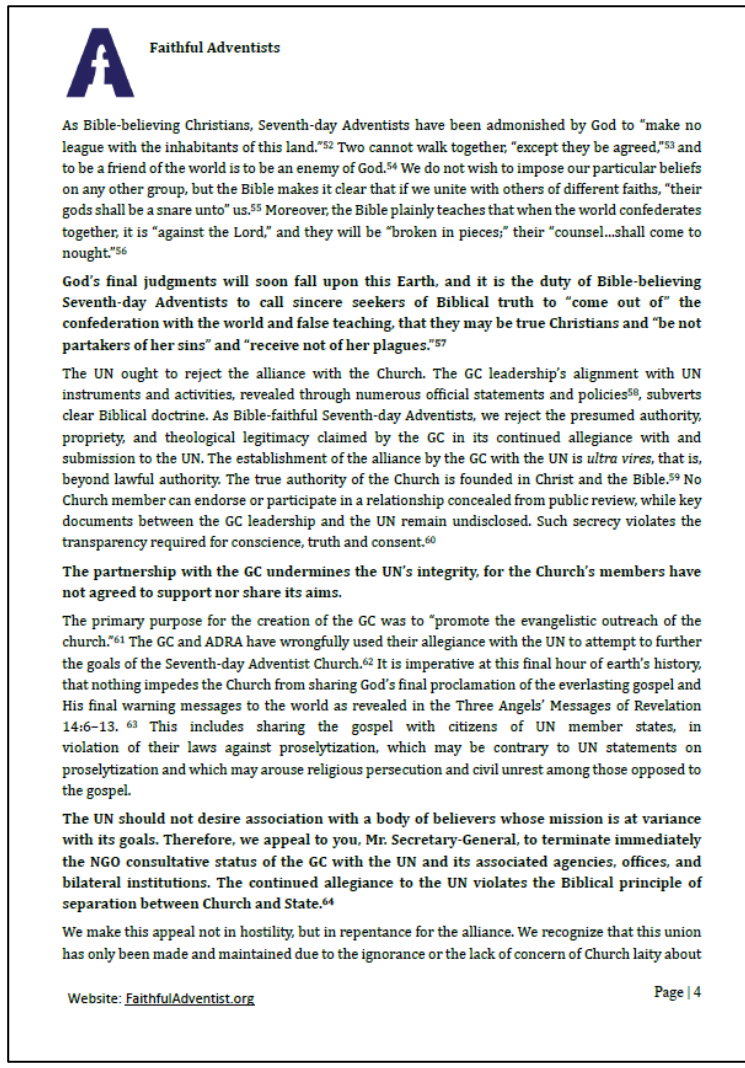

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As Bible-believing Christians, Seventh-day Adventists have been admonished by God to "make no league with the inhabitants of this land."[52] Two cannot walk together, "except they be agreed,"[53] and to be a friend of the world is to be an enemy of God.[54] We do not wish to impose our particular beliefs on any other group, but the Bible makes it clear that if we unite with others of different faiths, "their gods shall be a snare unto" us.[55] Moreover, the Bible plainly teaches that when the world confederates together, it is "against the Lord," and they will be "broken in pieces;" their "counsel...shall come to nought."[56]

God's final judgments will soon fall upon this Earth, and it is the duty of Bible-believing Seventh-day Adventists to call sincere seekers of Biblical truth to "come out of" the confederation with the world and false teaching, that they may be true Christians and "be not partakers of her sins" and "receive not of her plagues."[57]

The UN ought to reject the alliance with the Church. The GC leadership's alignment with UN instruments and activities, revealed through numerous official statements and policies[58], subverts clear Biblical doctrine. As Bible-faithful Seventh-day Adventists, we reject the presumed authority, propriety, and theological legitimacy claimed by the GC in its continued allegiance with and submission to the UN. The establishment of the alliance by the GC with the UN is *ultra vires*, that is, beyond lawful authority. The true authority of the Church is founded in Christ and the Bible.[59] No Church member can endorse or participate in a relationship concealed from public review, while key documents between the GC leadership and the UN remain undisclosed. Such secrecy violates the transparency required for conscience, truth and consent.[60]

The partnership with the GC undermines the UN's integrity, for the Church's members have not agreed to support nor share its aims.

The primary purpose for the creation of the GC was to "promote the evangelistic outreach of the church."[61] The GC and ADRA have wrongfully used their allegiance with the UN to attempt to further the goals of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.[62] It is imperative at this final hour of earth's history, that nothing impedes the Church from sharing God's final proclamation of the everlasting gospel and His final warning messages to the world as revealed in the Three Angels' Messages of Revelation 14:6–13. [63] This includes sharing the gospel with citizens of UN member states, in violation of their laws against proselytization, which may be contrary to UN statements on proselytization and which may arouse religious persecution and civil unrest among those opposed to the gospel.

The UN should not desire association with a body of believers whose mission is at variance with its goals. Therefore, we appeal to you, Mr. Secretary-General, to terminate immediately the NGO consultative status of the GC with the UN and its associated agencies, offices, and bilateral institutions. The continued allegiance to the UN violates the Biblical principle of separation between Church and State.[64]

We make this appeal not in hostility, but in repentance for the alliance. We recognize that this union has only been made and maintained due to the ignorance or the lack of concern of Church laity about

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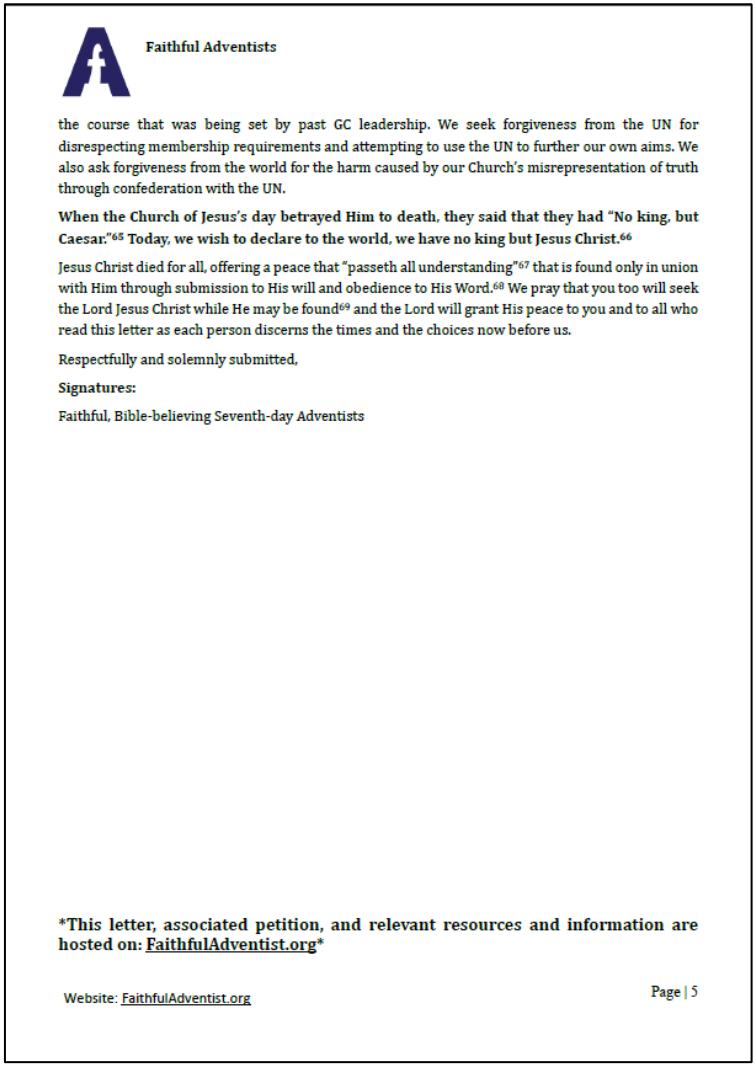

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the course that was being set by past GC leadership. We seek forgiveness from the UN for disrespecting membership requirements and attempting to use the UN to further our own aims. We also ask forgiveness from the world for the harm caused by our Church's misrepresentation of truth through confederation with the UN.

When the Church of Jesus's day betrayed Him to death, they said that they had "No king, but Caesar."[65] Today, we wish to declare to the world, we have no king but Jesus Christ.[66]

Jesus Christ died for all, offering a peace that "passeth all understanding"[67] that is found only in union with Him through submission to His will and obedience to His Word.[68] We pray that you too will seek the Lord Jesus Christ while He may be found[69] and the Lord will grant His peace to you and to all who read this letter as each person discerns the times and the choices now before us.

Respectfully and solemnly submitted,

Signatures:

Faithful, Bible-believing Seventh-day Adventists

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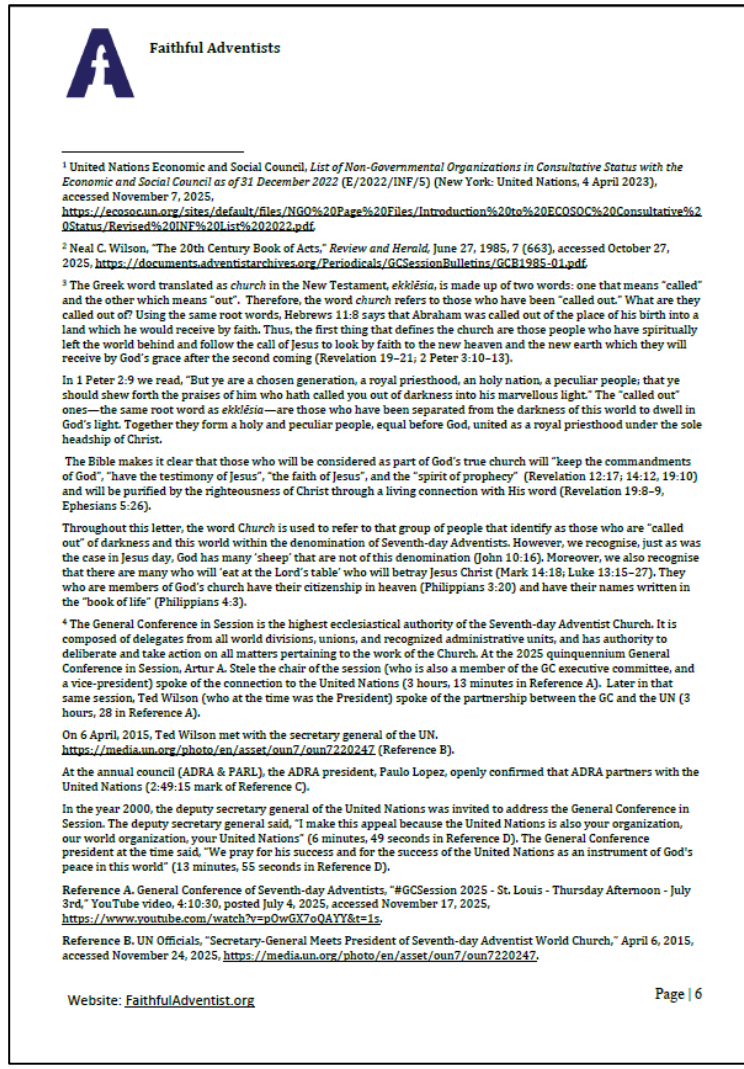

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[3] The Greek word translated as *church* in the New Testament, *ekklēsia*, is made up of two words: one that means "called" and the other which means "out". Therefore, the word *church* refers to those who have been "called out." What are they called out of? Using the same root words, Hebrews 11:8 says that Abraham was called out of the place of his birth into a land which he would receive by faith. Thus, the first thing that defines the church are those people who have spiritually left the world behind and follow the call of Jesus to look by faith to the new heaven and the new earth which they will receive by God's grace after the second coming (Revelation 19–21; 2 Peter 3:10–13).

In 1 Peter 2:9 we read, "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light." The "called out" ones—the same root word as *ekklēsia*—are those who have been separated from the darkness of this world to dwell in God's light. Together they form a holy and peculiar people, equal before God, united as a royal priesthood under the sole headship of Christ.

The Bible makes it clear that those who will be considered as part of God's true church will "keep the commandments of God", "have the testimony of Jesus", "the faith of Jesus", and the "spirit of prophecy" (Revelation 12:17; 14:12, 19:10) and will be purified by the righteousness of Christ through a living connection with His word (Revelation 19:8–9, Ephesians 5:26).

Throughout this letter, the word *Church* is used to refer to that group of people that identify as those who are "called out" of darkness and this world within the denomination of Seventh-day Adventists. However, we recognise, just as was the case in Jesus day, God has many 'sheep' that are not of this denomination (John 10:16). Moreover, we also recognise that there are many who will 'eat at the Lord's table' who will betray Jesus Christ (Mark 14:18; Luke 13:15–27). They who are members of God's church have their citizenship in heaven (Philippians 3:20) and have their names written in the "book of life" (Philippians 4:3).

[4] The General Conference in Session is the highest ecclesiastical authority of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It is composed of delegates from all world divisions, unions, and recognized administrative units, and has authority to deliberate and take action on all matters pertaining to the work of the Church. At the 2025 quinquennium General Conference in Session, Artur A. Stele the chair of the session (who is also a member of the GC executive committee, and a vice-president) spoke of the connection to the United Nations (3 hours, 13 minutes in Reference A). Later in that same session, Ted Wilson (who at the time was the President) spoke of the partnership between the GC and the UN (3 hours, 28 in Reference A).

On 6 April, 2015, Ted Wilson met with the secretary general of the UN. https://media.un.org/photo/en/asset/oun7/oun7220247 (Reference B).

At the annual council (ADRA & PARL), the ADRA president, Paulo Lopez, openly confirmed that ADRA partners with the United Nations (2:49:15 mark of Reference C).

In the year 2000, the deputy secretary general of the United Nations was invited to address the General Conference in Session. The deputy secretary general said, "I make this appeal because the United Nations is also your organization, our world organization, your United Nations" (6 minutes, 49 seconds in Reference D). The General Conference president at the time said, "We pray for his success and for the success of the United Nations as an instrument of God's peace in this world" (13 minutes, 55 seconds in Reference D).

Reference A. General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "#GCSession 2025 - St. Louis - Thursday Afternoon - July 3rd," YouTube video, 4:10:30, posted July 4, 2025, accessed November 17, 2025, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pOwGX7oQAYY&t=1s.

Reference B. UN Officials, "Secretary-General Meets President of Seventh-day Adventist World Church," April 6, 2015, accessed November 24, 2025, https://media.un.org/photo/en/asset/oun7/oun7220247.

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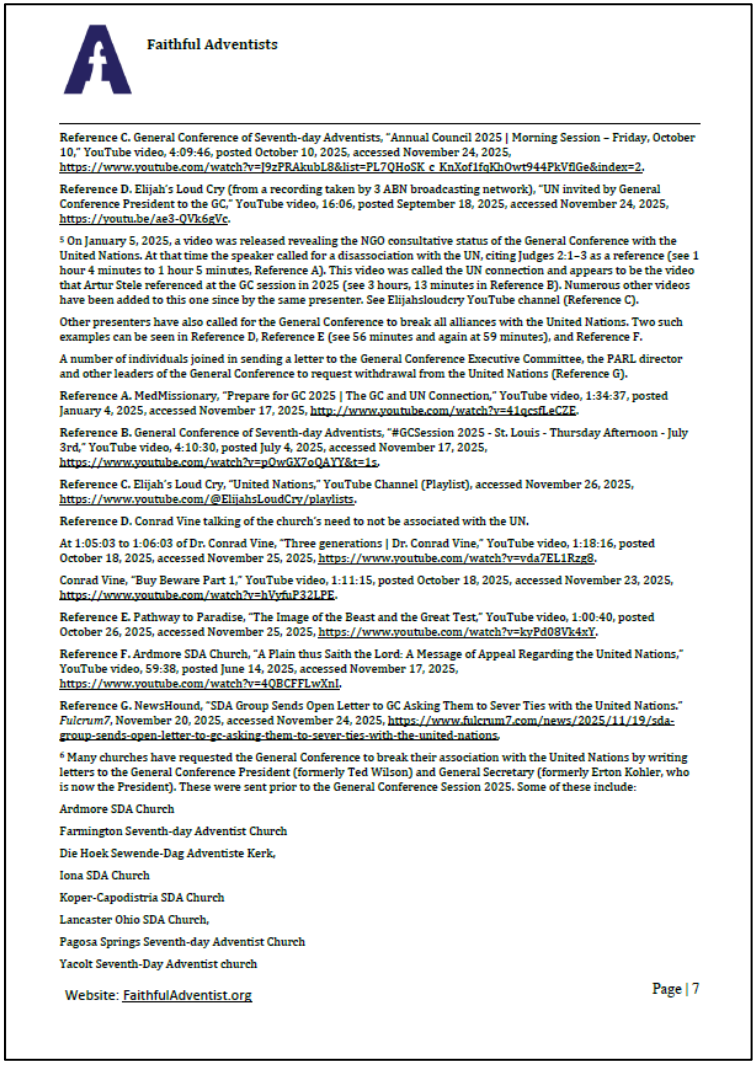

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Reference C. General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Annual Council 2025 | Morning Session – Friday, October 10," YouTube video, 4:09:46, posted October 10, 2025, accessed November 24, 2025, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J9zPRAkubL8&list=PL7QHoSK_c_KnXof1fqKhOwt944PkVflGe&index=2.

Reference D. Elijah's Loud Cry (from a recording taken by 3 ABN broadcasting network), "UN invited by General Conference President to the GC," YouTube video, 16:06, posted September 18, 2025, accessed November 24, 2025, https://youtu.be/ae3-QVk6gVc.

[5] On January 5, 2025, a video was released revealing the NGO consultative status of the General Conference with the United Nations. At that time the speaker called for a disassociation with the UN, citing Judges 2:1–3 as a reference (see 1 hour 4 minutes to 1 hour 5 minutes, Reference A). This video was called the UN connection and appears to be the video that Artur Stele referenced at the GC session in 2025 (see 3 hours, 13 minutes in Reference B). Numerous other videos have been added to this one since by the same presenter. See Elijahsloudcry YouTube channel (Reference C).

Other presenters have also called for the General Conference to break all alliances with the United Nations. Two such examples can be seen in Reference D, Reference E (see 56 minutes and again at 59 minutes), and Reference F.

A number of individuals joined in sending a letter to the General Conference Executive Committee, the PARL director and other leaders of the General Conference to request withdrawal from the United Nations (Reference G).

Reference A. MedMissionary, "Prepare for GC 2025 | The GC and UN Connection," YouTube video, 1:34:37, posted January 4, 2025, accessed November 17, 2025, http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=41qcsfLeCZE.

Reference B. General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "#GCSession 2025 - St. Louis - Thursday Afternoon - July 3rd," YouTube video, 4:10:30, posted July 4, 2025, accessed November 17, 2025, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pOwGX7oQAYY&t=1s.

Reference C. Elijah's Loud Cry, "United Nations," YouTube Channel (Playlist), accessed November 26, 2025, https://www.youtube.com/@ElijahsLoudCry/playlists.

Reference D. Conrad Vine talking of the church's need to not be associated with the UN.

At 1:05:03 to 1:06:03 of Dr. Conrad Vine, "Three generations | Dr. Conrad Vine," YouTube video, 1:18:16, posted October 18, 2025, accessed November 25, 2025, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vda7EL1Rzg8.

Conrad Vine, "Buy Beware Part 1," YouTube video, 1:11:15, posted October 18, 2025, accessed November 23, 2025, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hVyfuP32LPE.

Reference E. Pathway to Paradise, "The Image of the Beast and the Great Test," YouTube video, 1:00:40, posted October 26, 2025, accessed November 25, 2025, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kyPd08Vk4xY.

Reference F. Ardmore SDA Church, "A Plain thus Saith the Lord: A Message of Appeal Regarding the United Nations," YouTube video, 59:38, posted June 14, 2025, accessed November 17, 2025, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4QBCFFLwXnI.

Reference G. NewsHound, "SDA Group Sends Open Letter to GC Asking Them to Sever Ties with the United Nations." *Fulcrum7*, November 20, 2025, accessed November 24, 2025, https://www.fulcrum7.com/news/2025/11/19/sda-group-sends-open-letter-to-gc-asking-them-to-sever-ties-with-the-united-nations.

[6] Many churches have requested the General Conference to break their association with the United Nations by writing letters to the General Conference President (formerly Ted Wilson) and General Secretary (formerly Erton Kohler, who is now the President). These were sent prior to the General Conference Session 2025. Some of these include:

Ardmore SDA Church

Farmington Seventh-day Adventist Church

Die Hoek Sewende-Dag Adventiste Kerk,

Iona SDA Church

Koper-Capodistria SDA Church

Lancaster Ohio SDA Church,

Pagosa Springs Seventh-day Adventist Church

Yacolt Seventh-Day Adventist church

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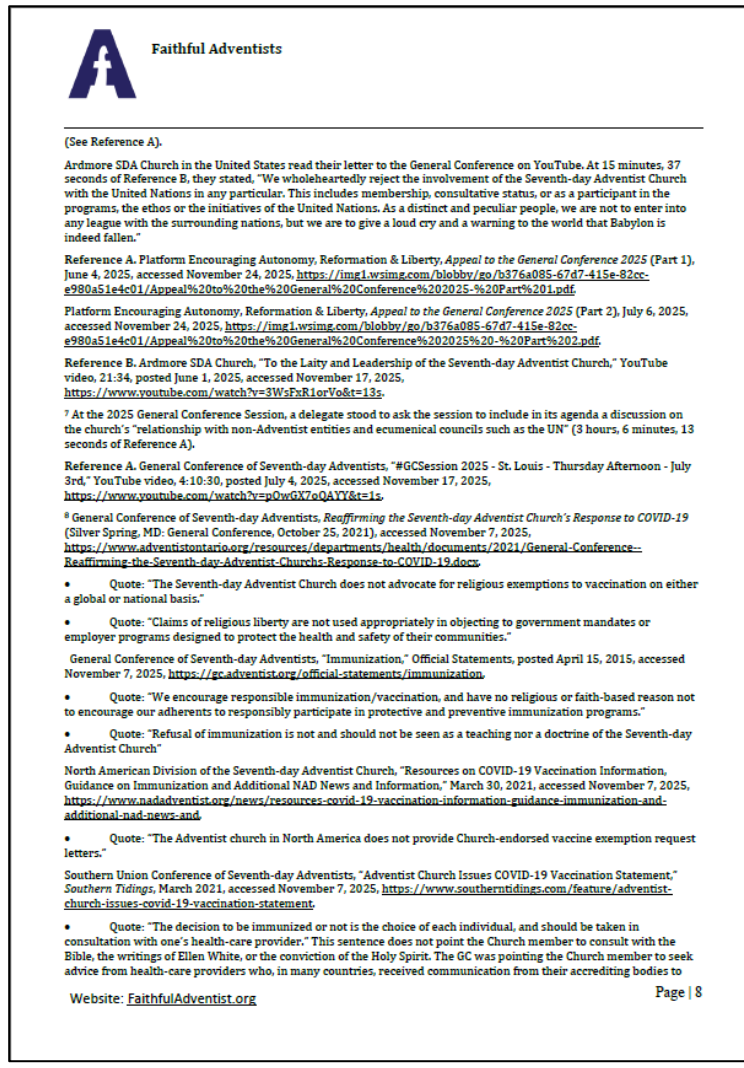

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(See Reference A).

Ardmore SDA Church in the United States read their letter to the General Conference on YouTube. At 15 minutes, 37 seconds of Reference B, they stated, "We wholeheartedly reject the involvement of the Seventh-day Adventist Church with the United Nations in any particular. This includes membership, consultative status, or as a participant in the programs, the ethos or the initiatives of the United Nations. As a distinct and peculiar people, we are not to enter into any league with the surrounding nations, but we are to give a loud cry and a warning to the world that Babylon is indeed fallen."

Reference A. Platform Encouraging Autonomy, Reformation & Liberty, *Appeal to the General Conference 2025* (Part 1), June 4, 2025, accessed November 24, 2025, https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/b376a085-67d7-415e-82cc-e980a51e4c01/Appeal%20to%20the%20General%20Conference%202025-%20Part%201.pdf.

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Reference B. Ardmore SDA Church, "To the Laity and Leadership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church," YouTube video, 21:34, posted June 1, 2025, accessed November 17, 2025, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3WsFxR1orVo&t=13s.

[7] At the 2025 General Conference Session, a delegate stood to ask the session to include in its agenda a discussion on the church's "relationship with non-Adventist entities and ecumenical councils such as the UN" (3 hours, 6 minutes, 13 seconds of Reference A).

Reference A. General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "#GCSession 2025 - St. Louis - Thursday Afternoon - July 3rd," YouTube video, 4:10:30, posted July 4, 2025, accessed November 17, 2025, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pOwGX7oQAYY&t=1s.

[8] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *Reaffirming the Seventh-day Adventist Church's Response to COVID-19* (Silver Spring, MD: General Conference, October 25, 2021), accessed November 7, 2025, https://www.adventistontario.org/resources/departments/health/documents/2021/General-Conference--Reaffirming-the-Seventh-day-Adventist-Churchs-Response-to-COVID-19.docx.

- Quote: "The Seventh-day Adventist Church does not advocate for religious exemptions to vaccination on either a global or national basis."
- Quote: "Claims of religious liberty are not used appropriately in objecting to government mandates or employer programs designed to protect the health and safety of their communities."

General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Immunization," Official Statements, posted April 15, 2015, accessed November 7, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/immunization.

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- Quote: "Refusal of immunization is not and should not be seen as a teaching nor a doctrine of the Seventh-day Adventist Church"

North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, "Resources on COVID-19 Vaccination Information, Guidance on Immunization and Additional NAD News and Information," March 30, 2021, accessed November 7, 2025, https://www.nadadventist.org/news/resources-covid-19-vaccination-information-guidance-immunization-and-additional-nad-news-and.

- Quote: "The Adventist church in North America does not provide Church-endorsed vaccine exemption request letters."

Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Adventist Church Issues COVID-19 Vaccination Statement," *Southern Tidings*, March 2021, accessed November 7, 2025, https://www.southerntidings.com/feature/adventist-church-issues-covid-19-vaccination-statement.

- Quote: "The decision to be immunized or not is the choice of each individual, and should be taken in consultation with one's health-care provider." This sentence does not point the Church member to consult with the Bible, the writings of Ellen White, or the conviction of the Holy Spirit. The GC was pointing the Church member to seek advice from health-care providers who, in many countries, received communication from their accrediting bodies to

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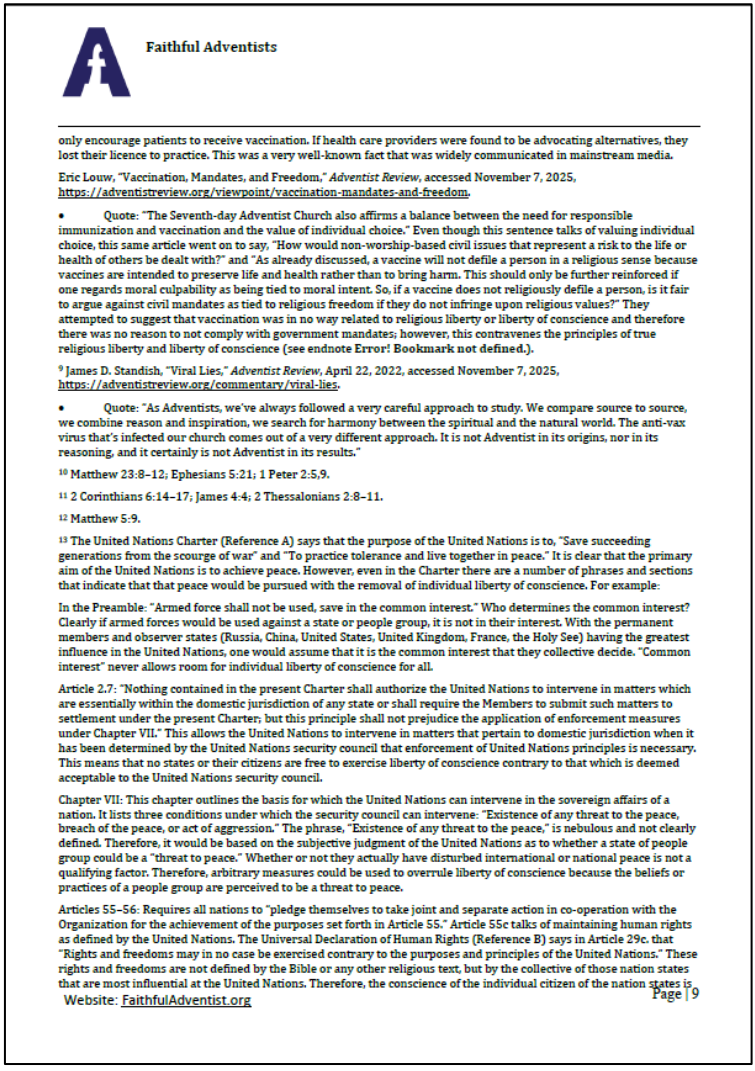

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only encourage patients to receive vaccination. If health care providers were found to be advocating alternatives, they lost their licence to practice. This was a very well-known fact that was widely communicated in mainstream media.

Eric Louw, "Vaccination, Mandates, and Freedom," *Adventist Review*, accessed November 7, 2025, https://adventistreview.org/viewpoint/vaccination-mandates-and-freedom.

- Quote: "The Seventh-day Adventist Church also affirms a balance between the need for responsible immunization and vaccination and the value of individual choice." Even though this sentence talks of valuing individual choice, this same article went on to say, "How would non-worship-based civil issues that represent a risk to the life or health of others be dealt with?" and "As already discussed, a vaccine will not defile a person in a religious sense because vaccines are intended to preserve life and health rather than to bring harm. This should only be further reinforced if one regards moral culpability as being tied to moral intent. So, if a vaccine does not religiously defile a person, is it fair to argue against civil mandates as tied to religious freedom if they do not infringe upon religious values?" They attempted to suggest that vaccination was in no way related to religious liberty or liberty of conscience and therefore there was no reason to not comply with government mandates; however, this contravenes the principles of true religious liberty and liberty of conscience (see endnote Error! Bookmark not defined.).

[9] James D. Standish, "Viral Lies," *Adventist Review*, April 22, 2022, accessed November 7, 2025, https://adventistreview.org/commentary/viral-lies.

- Quote: "As Adventists, we've always followed a very careful approach to study. We compare source to source, we combine reason and inspiration, we search for harmony between the spiritual and the natural world. The anti-vax virus that's infected our church comes out of a very different approach. It is not Adventist in its origins, nor in its reasoning, and it certainly is not Adventist in its results."

[10] Matthew 23:8–12; Ephesians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:5,9.

[11] 2 Corinthians 6:14–17; James 4:4; 2 Thessalonians 2:8–11.

[12] Matthew 5:9.

[13] The United Nations Charter (Reference A) says that the purpose of the United Nations is to, "Save succeeding generations from the scourge of war" and "To practice tolerance and live together in peace." It is clear that the primary aim of the United Nations is to achieve peace. However, even in the Charter there are a number of phrases and sections that indicate that that peace would be pursued with the removal of individual liberty of conscience. For example:

In the Preamble: "Armed force shall not be used, save in the common interest." Who determines the common interest? Clearly if armed forces would be used against a state or people group, it is not in their interest. With the permanent members and observer states (Russia, China, United States, United Kingdom, France, the Holy See) having the greatest influence in the United Nations, one would assume that it is the common interest that they collective decide. "Common interest" never allows room for individual liberty of conscience for all.

Article 2.7: "Nothing contained in the present Charter shall authorize the United Nations to intervene in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any state or shall require the Members to submit such matters to settlement under the present Charter; but this principle shall not prejudice the application of enforcement measures under Chapter VII." This allows the United Nations to intervene in matters that pertain to domestic jurisdiction when it has been determined by the United Nations security council that enforcement of United Nations principles is necessary. This means that no states or their citizens are free to exercise liberty of conscience contrary to that which is deemed acceptable to the United Nations security council.

Chapter VII: This chapter outlines the basis for which the United Nations can intervene in the sovereign affairs of a nation. It lists three conditions under which the security council can intervene: "Existence of any threat to the peace, breach of the peace, or act of aggression." The phrase, "Existence of any threat to the peace," is nebulous and not clearly defined. Therefore, it would be based on the subjective judgment of the United Nations as to whether a state of people group could be a "threat to peace." Whether or not they actually have disturbed international or national peace is not a qualifying factor. Therefore, arbitrary measures could be used to overrule liberty of conscience because the beliefs or practices of a people group are perceived to be a threat to peace.

Articles 55–56: Requires all nations to "pledge themselves to take joint and separate action in co-operation with the Organization for the achievement of the purposes set forth in Article 55." Article 55c talks of maintaining human rights as defined by the United Nations. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Reference B) says in Article 29c. that "Rights and freedoms may in no case be exercised contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations." These rights and freedoms are not defined by the Bible or any other religious text, but by the collective of those nation states that are most influential at the United Nations. Therefore, the conscience of the individual citizen of the nation states is

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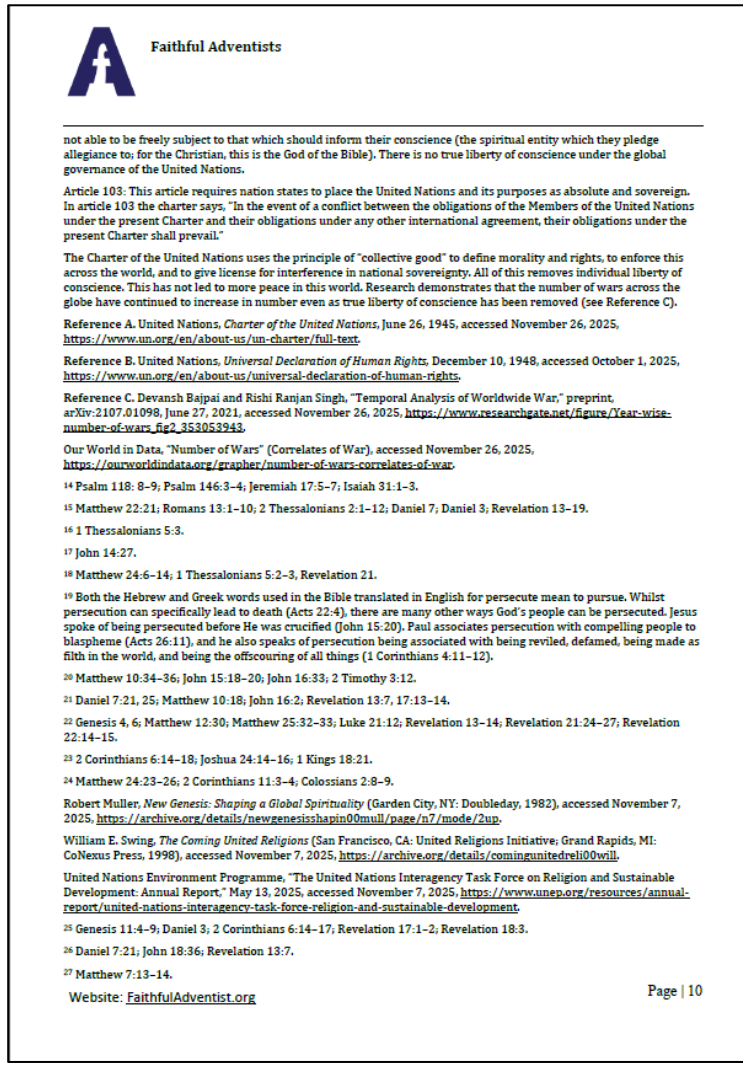

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not able to be freely subject to that which should inform their conscience (the spiritual entity which they pledge allegiance to; for the Christian, this is the God of the Bible). There is no true liberty of conscience under the global governance of the United Nations.

Article 103: This article requires nation states to place the United Nations and its purposes as absolute and sovereign. In article 103 the charter says, "In the event of a conflict between the obligations of the Members of the United Nations under the present Charter and their obligations under any other international agreement, their obligations under the present Charter shall prevail."

The Charter of the United Nations uses the principle of "collective good" to define morality and rights, to enforce this across the world, and to give license for interference in national sovereignty. All of this removes individual liberty of conscience. This has not led to more peace in this world. Research demonstrates that the number of wars across the globe have continued to increase in number even as true liberty of conscience has been removed (see Reference C).

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Our World in Data, "Number of Wars" (Correlates of War), accessed November 26, 2025, https://ourworldindata.org/grapher/number-of-wars-correlates-of-war.

[14] Psalm 118: 8–9; Psalm 146:3–4; Jeremiah 17:5–7; Isaiah 31:1–3.

[15] Matthew 22:21; Romans 13:1–10; 2 Thessalonians 2:1–12; Daniel 7; Daniel 3; Revelation 13–19.

[16] 1 Thessalonians 5:3.

[17] John 14:27.

[18] Matthew 24:6–14; 1 Thessalonians 5:2–3, Revelation 21.

[19] Both the Hebrew and Greek words used in the Bible translated in English for persecute mean to pursue. Whilst persecution can specifically lead to death (Acts 22:4), there are many other ways God's people can be persecuted. Jesus spoke of being persecuted before He was crucified (John 15:20). Paul associates persecution with compelling people to blaspheme (Acts 26:11), and he also speaks of persecution being associated with being reviled, defamed, being made as filth in the world, and being the offscouring of all things (1 Corinthians 4:11–12).

[20] Matthew 10:34–36; John 15:18–20; John 16:33; 2 Timothy 3:12.

[21] Daniel 7:21, 25; Matthew 10:18; John 16:2; Revelation 13:7, 17:13–14.

[22] Genesis 4, 6; Matthew 12:30; Matthew 25:32–33; Luke 21:12; Revelation 13–14; Revelation 21:24–27; Revelation 22:14–15.

[23] 2 Corinthians 6:14–18; Joshua 24:14–16; 1 Kings 18:21.

[24] Matthew 24:23–26; 2 Corinthians 11:3–4; Colossians 2:8–9.

Robert Muller, *New Genesis: Shaping a Global Spirituality* (Garden City, NY: Doubleday, 1982), accessed November 7, 2025, https://archive.org/details/newgenesisshapin00mull/page/n7/mode/2up.

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[26] Daniel 7:21; John 18:36; Revelation 13:7.

[27] Matthew 7:13–14.

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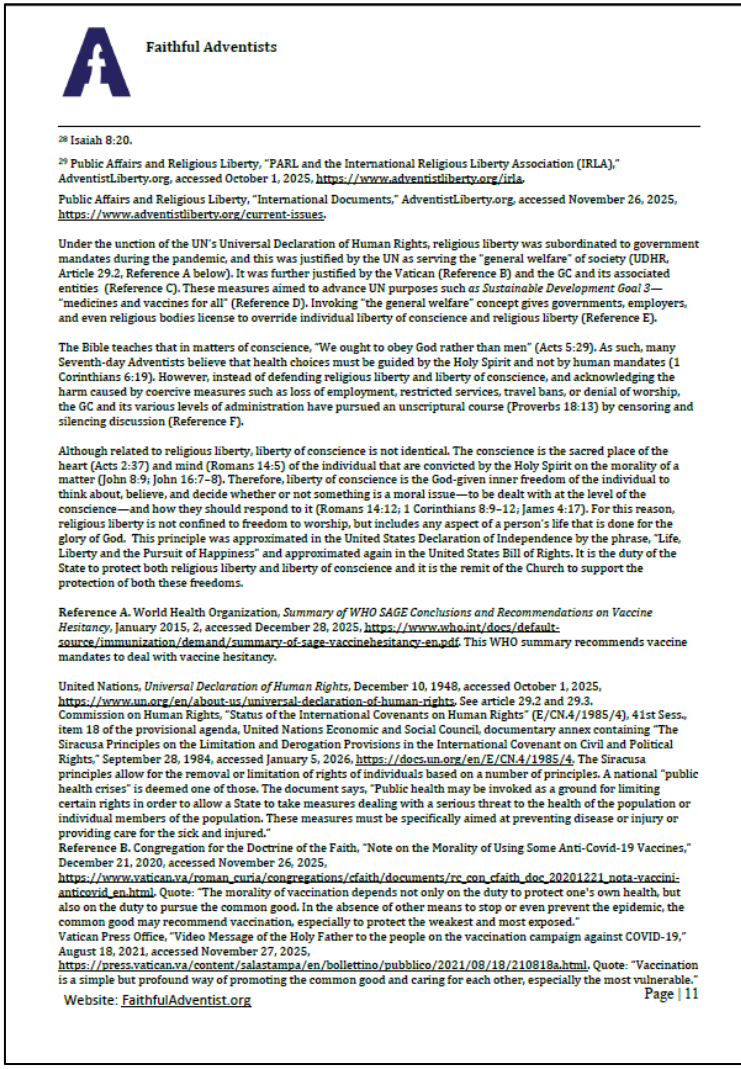

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[28] Isaiah 8:20.

[29] Public Affairs and Religious Liberty, "PARL and the International Religious Liberty Association (IRLA)," AdventistLiberty.org, accessed October 1, 2025, https://www.adventistliberty.org/irla.

Public Affairs and Religious Liberty, "International Documents," AdventistLiberty.org, accessed November 26, 2025, https://www.adventistliberty.org/current-issues.

Under the unction of the UN's Universal Declaration of Human Rights, religious liberty was subordinated to government mandates during the pandemic, and this was justified by the UN as serving the "general welfare" of society (UDHR, Article 29.2, Reference A below). It was further justified by the Vatican (Reference B) and the GC and its associated entities (Reference C). These measures aimed to advance UN purposes such *as Sustainable Development Goal 3*—"medicines and vaccines for all" (Reference D). Invoking "the general welfare" concept gives governments, employers, and even religious bodies license to override individual liberty of conscience and religious liberty (Reference E).

The Bible teaches that in matters of conscience, "We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29). As such, many Seventh-day Adventists believe that health choices must be guided by the Holy Spirit and not by human mandates (1 Corinthians 6:19). However, instead of defending religious liberty and liberty of conscience, and acknowledging the harm caused by coercive measures such as loss of employment, restricted services, travel bans, or denial of worship, the GC and its various levels of administration have pursued an unscriptural course (Proverbs 18:13) by censoring and silencing discussion (Reference F).

Although related to religious liberty, liberty of conscience is not identical. The conscience is the sacred place of the heart (Acts 2:37) and mind (Romans 14:5) of the individual that are convicted by the Holy Spirit on the morality of a matter (John 8:9; John 16:7–8). Therefore, liberty of conscience is the God-given inner freedom of the individual to think about, believe, and decide whether or not something is a moral issue—to be dealt with at the level of the conscience—and how they should respond to it (Romans 14:12; 1 Corinthians 8:9–12; James 4:17). For this reason, religious liberty is not confined to freedom to worship, but includes any aspect of a person's life that is done for the glory of God. This principle was approximated in the United States Declaration of Independence by the phrase, "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness" and approximated again in the United States Bill of Rights. It is the duty of the State to protect both religious liberty and liberty of conscience and it is the remit of the Church to support the protection of both these freedoms.

Reference A. World Health Organization, *Summary of WHO SAGE Conclusions and Recommendations on Vaccine Hesitancy*, January 2015, 2, accessed December 28, 2025, https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/immunization/demand/summary-of-sage-vaccinehesitancy-en.pdf. This WHO summary recommends vaccine mandates to deal with vaccine hesitancy.

United Nations, *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, December 10, 1948, accessed October 1, 2025, https://www.un.org/en/about-us/universal-declaration-of-human-rights, See article 29.2 and 29.3.
Commission on Human Rights, "Status of the International Covenants on Human Rights" (E/CN.4/1985/4), 41st Sess., item 18 of the provisional agenda, United Nations Economic and Social Council, documentary annex containing "The Siracusa Principles on the Limitation and Derogation Provisions in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights," September 28, 1984, accessed January 5, 2026, https://docs.un.org/en/E/CN.4/1985/4. The Siracusa principles allow for the removal or limitation of rights of individuals based on a number of principles. A national "public health crises" is deemed one of those. The document says, "Public health may be invoked as a ground for limiting certain rights in order to allow a State to take measures dealing with a serious threat to the health of the population or individual members of the population. These measures must be specifically aimed at preventing disease or injury or providing care for the sick and injured."
Reference B. Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, "Note on the Morality of Using Some Anti-Covid-19 Vaccines," December 21, 2020, accessed November 26, 2025, https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20201221_nota-vaccini-anticovid_en.html. Quote: "The morality of vaccination depends not only on the duty to protect one's own health, but also on the duty to pursue the common good. In the absence of other means to stop or even prevent the epidemic, the common good may recommend vaccination, especially to protect the weakest and most exposed."
Vatican Press Office, "Video Message of the Holy Father to the people on the vaccination campaign against COVID-19," August 18, 2021, accessed November 27, 2025, https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2021/08/18/210818a.html, Quote: "Vaccination is a simple but profound way of promoting the common good and caring for each other, especially the most vulnerable."

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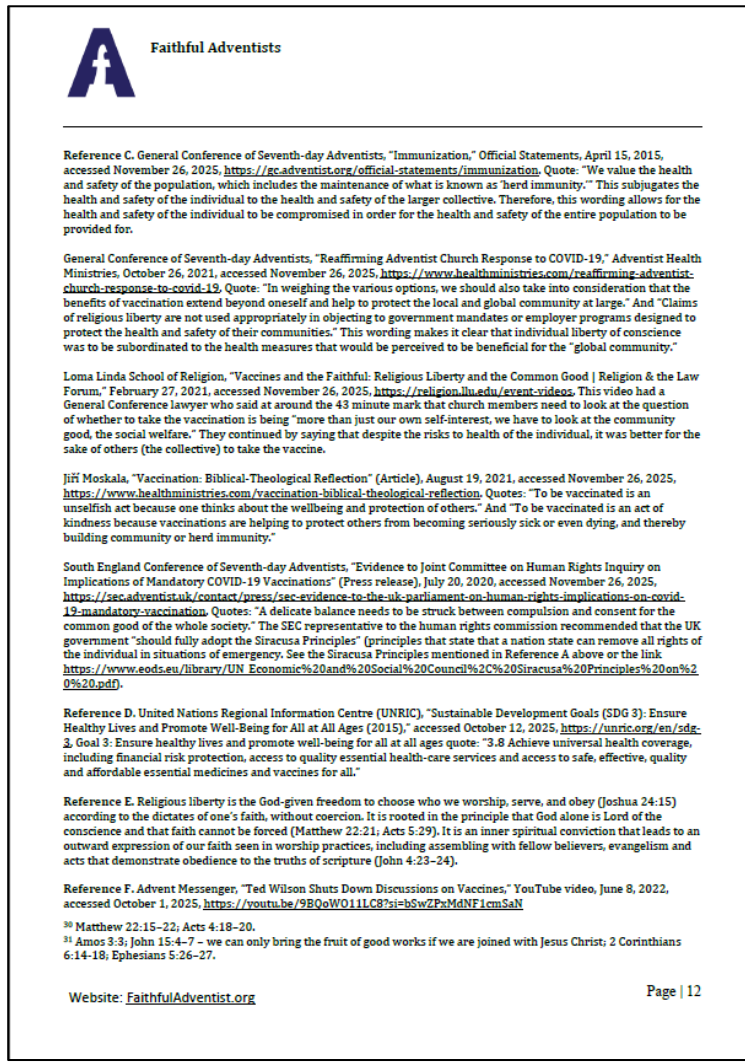

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Reference C. General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Immunization," Official Statements, April 15, 2015, accessed November 26, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/immunization. Quote: "We value the health and safety of the population, which includes the maintenance of what is known as 'herd immunity.'" This subjugates the health and safety of the individual to the health and safety of the larger collective. Therefore, this wording allows for the health and safety of the individual to be compromised in order for the health and safety of the entire population to be provided for.

General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Reaffirming Adventist Church Response to COVID-19," Adventist Health Ministries, October 26, 2021, accessed November 26, 2025, https://www.healthministries.com/reaffirming-adventist-church-response-to-covid-19. Quote: "In weighing the various options, we should also take into consideration that the benefits of vaccination extend beyond oneself and help to protect the local and global community at large." And "Claims of religious liberty are not used appropriately in objecting to government mandates or employer programs designed to protect the health and safety of their communities." This wording makes it clear that individual liberty of conscience was to be subordinated to the health measures that would be perceived to be beneficial for the "global community."

Loma Linda School of Religion, "Vaccines and the Faithful: Religious Liberty and the Common Good | Religion & the Law Forum," February 27, 2021, accessed November 26, 2025, https://religion.llu.edu/event-videos. This video had a General Conference lawyer who said at around the 43 minute mark that church members need to look at the question of whether to take the vaccination is being "more than just our own self-interest, we have to look at the community good, the social welfare." They continued by saying that despite the risks to health of the individual, it was better for the sake of others (the collective) to take the vaccine.

Jiří Moskala, "Vaccination: Biblical-Theological Reflection" (Article), August 19, 2021, accessed November 26, 2025, https://www.healthministries.com/vaccination-biblical-theological-reflection. Quotes: "To be vaccinated is an unselfish act because one thinks about the wellbeing and protection of others." And "To be vaccinated is an act of kindness because vaccinations are helping to protect others from becoming seriously sick or even dying, and thereby building community or herd immunity."

South England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Evidence to Joint Committee on Human Rights Inquiry on Implications of Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccinations" (Press release), July 20, 2020, accessed November 26, 2025, https://sec.adventist.uk/contact/press/sec-evidence-to-the-uk-parliament-on-human-rights-implications-on-covid-19-mandatory-vaccination. Quotes: "A delicate balance needs to be struck between compulsion and consent for the common good of the whole society." The SEC representative to the human rights commission recommended that the UK government "should fully adopt the Siracusa Principles" (principles that state that a nation state can remove all rights of the individual in situations of emergency. See the Siracusa Principles mentioned in Reference A above or the link https://www.eods.eu/library/UN_Economic%20and%20Social%20Council%2C%20Siracusa%20Principles%20on%20%20%20.pdf).

Reference D. United Nations Regional Information Centre (UNRIC), "Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 3): Ensure Healthy Lives and Promote Well-Being for All at All Ages (2015)," accessed October 12, 2025, https://unric.org/en/sdg-3. Goal 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages quote: "3.8 Achieve universal health coverage, including financial risk protection, access to quality essential health-care services and access to safe, effective, quality and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all."

Reference E. Religious liberty is the God-given freedom to choose who we worship, serve, and obey (Joshua 24:15) according to the dictates of one's faith, without coercion. It is rooted in the principle that God alone is Lord of the conscience and that faith cannot be forced (Matthew 22:21; Acts 5:29). It is an inner spiritual conviction that leads to an outward expression of our faith seen in worship practices, including assembling with fellow believers, evangelism and acts that demonstrate obedience to the truths of scripture (John 4:23–24).

Reference F. Advent Messenger, "Ted Wilson Shuts Down Discussions on Vaccines," YouTube video, June 8, 2022, accessed October 1, 2025, https://youtu.be/9BQoWO11LC8?si=bSwZPxMdNF1cmSaN

[30] Matthew 22:15–22; Acts 4:18–20.
[31] Amos 3:3; John 15:4–7 – we can only bring the fruit of good works if we are joined with Jesus Christ; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18; Ephesians 5:26–27.

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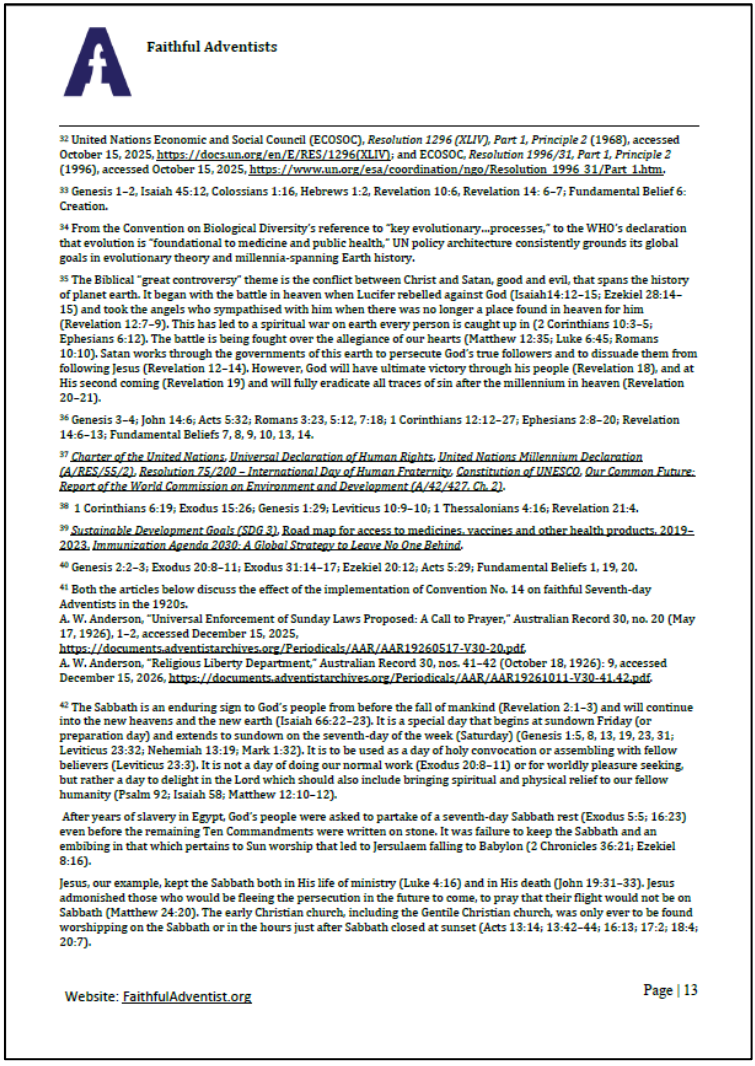

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[32] United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), *Resolution 1296 (XLIV). Part 1. Principle 2* (1968), accessed October 15, 2025, https://docs.un.org/en/E/RES/1296(XLIV); and ECOSOC, *Resolution 1996/31, Part 1, Principle 2* (1996), accessed October 15, 2025, https://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ngo/Resolution_1996_31/Part_1.htm.

[33] Genesis 1–2, Isaiah 45:12, Colossians 1:16, Hebrews 1:2, Revelation 10:6, Revelation 14: 6–7; Fundamental Belief 6: Creation.

[34] From the Convention on Biological Diversity's reference to "key evolutionary…processes," to the WHO's declaration that evolution is "foundational to medicine and public health," UN policy architecture consistently grounds its global goals in evolutionary theory and millennia-spanning Earth history.

[35] The Biblical "great controversy" theme is the conflict between Christ and Satan, good and evil, that spans the history of planet earth. It began with the battle in heaven when Lucifer rebelled against God (Isaiah14:12–15; Ezekiel 28:14–15) and took the angels who sympathised with him when there was no longer a place found in heaven for him (Revelation 12:7–9). This has led to a spiritual war on earth every person is caught up in (2 Corinthians 10:3–5; Ephesians 6:12). The battle is being fought over the allegiance of our hearts (Matthew 12:35; Luke 6:45; Romans 10:10). Satan works through the governments of this earth to persecute God's true followers and to dissuade them from following Jesus (Revelation 12–14). However, God will have ultimate victory through his people (Revelation 18), and at His second coming (Revelation 19) and will fully eradicate all traces of sin after the millennium in heaven (Revelation 20–21).

[36] Genesis 3–4; John 14:6; Acts 5:32; Romans 3:23, 5:12, 7:18; 1 Corinthians 12:12–27; Ephesians 2:8–20; Revelation 14:6–13; Fundamental Beliefs 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14.

[37] *Charter of the United Nations*, *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, *United Nations Millennium Declaration (A/RES/55/2)*, *Resolution 75/200 – International Day of Human Fraternity*, *Constitution of UNESCO*, *Our Common Future: Report of the World Commission on Environment and Development (A/42/427, Ch. 2)*.

[38] 1 Corinthians 6:19; Exodus 15:26; Genesis 1:29; Leviticus 10:9–10; 1 Thessalonians 4:16; Revelation 21:4.

[39] *Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 3)*, Road map for access to medicines, vaccines and other health products, 2019–2023, *Immunization Agenda 2030: A Global Strategy to Leave No One Behind*.

[40] Genesis 2:2–3; Exodus 20:8–11; Exodus 31:14–17; Ezekiel 20:12; Acts 5:29; Fundamental Beliefs 1, 19, 20.

[41] Both the articles below discuss the effect of the implementation of Convention No. 14 on faithful Seventh-day Adventists in the 1920s.
A. W. Anderson, "Universal Enforcement of Sunday Laws Proposed: A Call to Prayer," Australian Record 30, no. 20 (May 17, 1926), 1–2, accessed December 15, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/AAR/AAR19260517-V30-20.pdf.
A. W. Anderson, "Religious Liberty Department," Australian Record 30, nos. 41–42 (October 18, 1926): 9, accessed December 15, 2026, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/AAR/AAR19261011-V30-41.42.pdf.

[42] The Sabbath is an enduring sign to God's people from before the fall of mankind (Revelation 2:1–3) and will continue into the new heavens and the new earth (Isaiah 66:22–23). It is a special day that begins at sundown Friday (or preparation day) and extends to sundown on the seventh-day of the week (Saturday) (Genesis 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31; Leviticus 23:32; Nehemiah 13:19; Mark 1:32). It is to be used as a day of holy convocation or assembling with fellow believers (Leviticus 23:3). It is not a day of doing our normal work (Exodus 20:8–11) or for worldly pleasure seeking, but rather a day to delight in the Lord which should also include bringing spiritual and physical relief to our fellow humanity (Psalm 92; Isaiah 58; Matthew 12:10–12).

After years of slavery in Egypt, God's people were asked to partake of a seventh-day Sabbath rest (Exodus 5:5; 16:23) even before the remaining Ten Commandments were written on stone. It was failure to keep the Sabbath and an embibing in that which pertains to Sun worship that led to Jersulaem falling to Babylon (2 Chronicles 36:21; Ezekiel 8:16).

Jesus, our example, kept the Sabbath both in His life of ministry (Luke 4:16) and in His death (John 19:31–33). Jesus admonished those who would be fleeing the persecution in the future to come, to pray that their flight would not be on Sabbath (Matthew 24:20). The early Christian church, including the Gentile Christian church, was only ever to be found worshipping on the Sabbath or in the hours just after Sabbath closed at sunset (Acts 13:14; 13:42–44; 16:13; 17:2; 18:4; 20:7).

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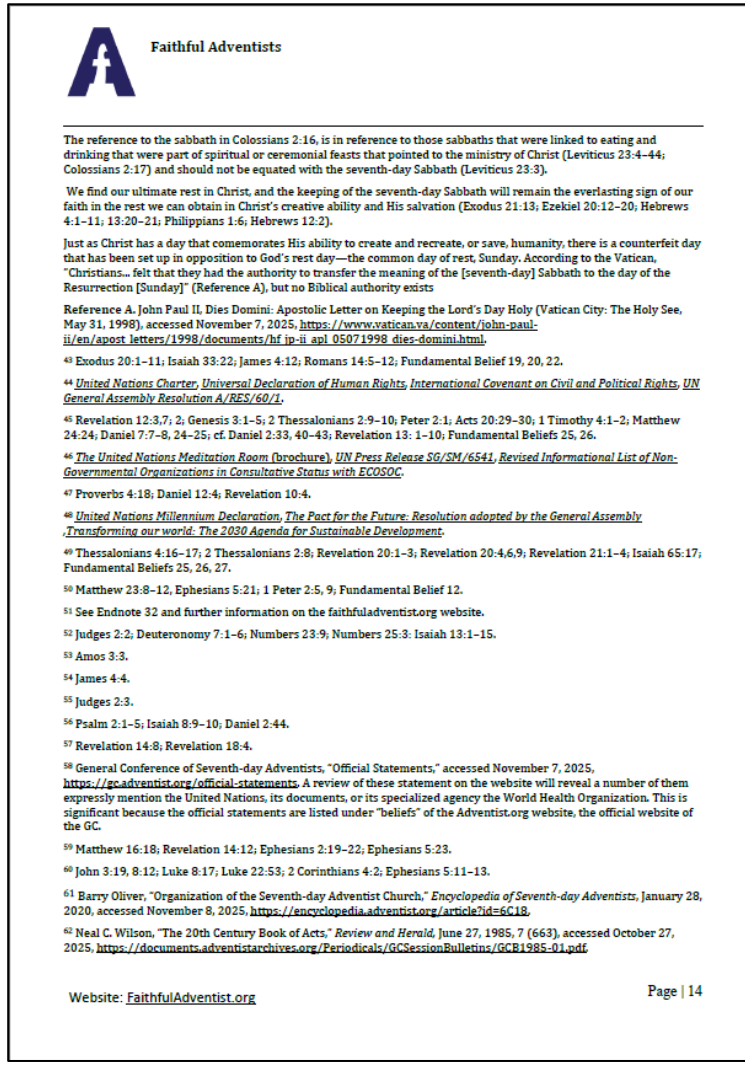

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The reference to the sabbath in Colossians 2:16, is in reference to those sabbaths that were linked to eating and drinking that were part of spiritual or ceremonial feasts that pointed to the ministry of Christ (Leviticus 23:4–44; Colossians 2:17) and should not be equated with the seventh-day Sabbath (Leviticus 23:3).

We find our ultimate rest in Christ, and the keeping of the seventh-day Sabbath will remain the everlasting sign of our faith in the rest we can obtain in Christ's creative ability and His salvation (Exodus 21:13; Ezekiel 20:12–20; Hebrews 4:1–11; 13:20–21; Philippians 1:6; Hebrews 12:2).

Just as Christ has a day that comemorates His ability to create and recreate, or save, humanity, there is a counterfeit day that has been set up in opposition to God's rest day—the common day of rest, Sunday. According to the Vatican, "Christians... felt that they had the authority to transfer the meaning of the [seventh-day] Sabbath to the day of the Resurrection [Sunday]" (Reference A), but no Biblical authority exists

Reference A. John Paul II, Dies Domini: Apostolic Letter on Keeping the Lord's Day Holy (Vatican City: The Holy See, May 31, 1998), accessed November 7, 2025, https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/apost_letters/1998/documents/hf_jp-ii_apl_05071998_dies-domini.html.

[43] Exodus 20:1–11; Isaiah 33:22; James 4:12; Romans 14:5–12; Fundamental Belief 19, 20, 22.

[44] *United Nations Charter*, *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights*, *UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/60/1*.

[45] Revelation 12:3,7; 2; Genesis 3:1–5; 2 Thessalonians 2:9–10; Peter 2:1; Acts 20:29–30; 1 Timothy 4:1–2; Matthew 24:24; Daniel 7:7–8, 24–25; cf. Daniel 2:33, 40–43; Revelation 13: 1–10; Fundamental Beliefs 25, 26.

[46] *The United Nations Meditation Room* (brochure), *UN Press Release SG/SM/6541*, *Revised Informational List of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Status with ECOSOC*.

[47] Proverbs 4:18; Daniel 12:4; Revelation 10:4.

[48] *United Nations Millennium Declaration*, *The Pact for the Future: Resolution adopted by the General Assembly ,Transforming our world: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*.

[49] Thessalonians 4:16–17; 2 Thessalonians 2:8; Revelation 20:1–3; Revelation 20:4,6,9; Revelation 21:1–4; Isaiah 65:17; Fundamental Beliefs 25, 26, 27.

[50] Matthew 23:8–12, Ephesians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:5, 9; Fundamental Belief 12.

[51] See Endnote 32 and further information on the faithfuladventist.org website.

[52] Judges 2:2; Deuteronomy 7:1–6; Numbers 23:9; Numbers 25:3: Isaiah 13:1–15.

[53] Amos 3:3.

[54] James 4:4.

[55] Judges 2:3.

[56] Psalm 2:1–5; Isaiah 8:9–10; Daniel 2:44.

[57] Revelation 14:8; Revelation 18:4.

[58] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Official Statements," accessed November 7, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements. A review of these statement on the website will reveal a number of them expressly mention the United Nations, its documents, or its specialized agency the World Health Organization. This is significant because the official statements are listed under "beliefs" of the Adventist.org website, the official website of the GC.

[59] Matthew 16:18; Revelation 14:12; Ephesians 2:19–22; Ephesians 5:23.

[60] John 3:19, 8:12; Luke 8:17; Luke 22:53; 2 Corinthians 4:2; Ephesians 5:11–13.

[61] Barry Oliver, "Organization of the Seventh-day Adventist Church," *Encyclopedia of Seventh-day Adventists*, January 28, 2020, accessed November 8, 2025, https://encyclopedia.adventist.org/article?id=6C18.

[62] Neal C. Wilson, "The 20th Century Book of Acts," *Review and Herald*, June 27, 1985, 7 (663), accessed October 27, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/GCSessionBulletins/GCB1985-01.pdf.

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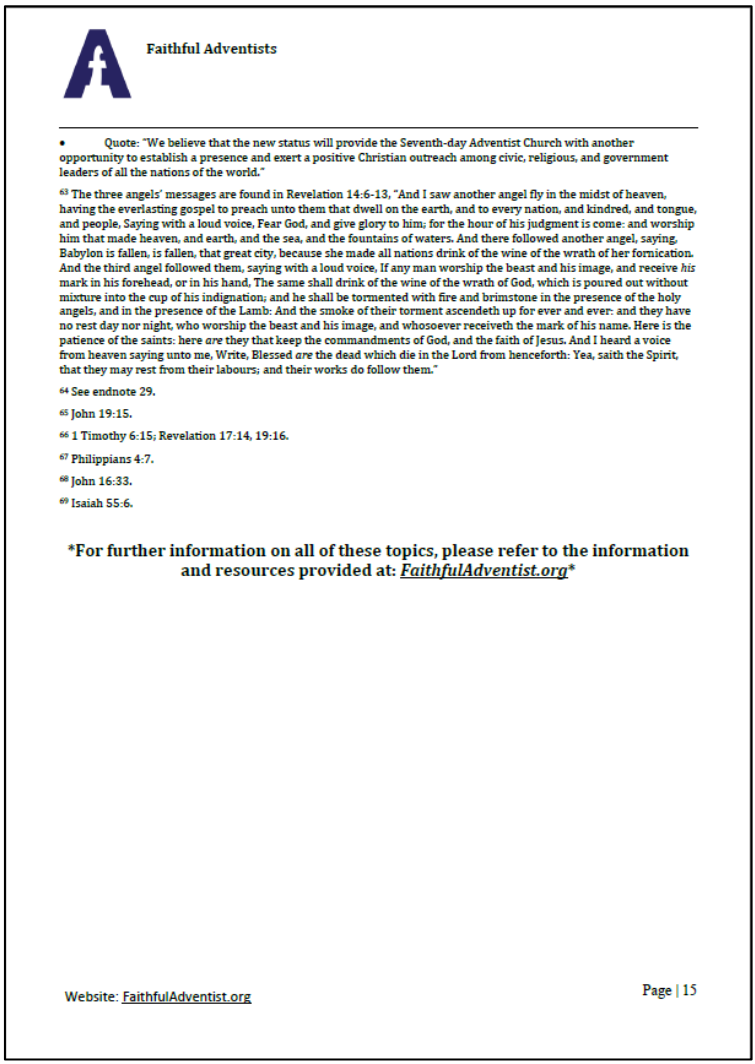

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- Quote: "We believe that the new status will provide the Seventh-day Adventist Church with another opportunity to establish a presence and exert a positive Christian outreach among civic, religious, and government leaders of all the nations of the world."

[63] The three angels' messages are found in Revelation 14:6-13, "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive *his* mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. Here is the patience of the saints: here *are* they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed *are* the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

[64] See endnote 29.

[65] John 19:15.

[66] 1 Timothy 6:15; Revelation 17:14, 19:16.

[67] Philippians 4:7.

[68] John 16:33.

[69] Isaiah 55:6.

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Scope of UN Involvement

> *" And ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down their altars: but ye have not obeyed my voice: why have ye done this? Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be as thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you. And it came to pass, when the angel of the LORD spake these words unto all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept".*[83]

It is important to note that the extent of the Seventh-day Adventist Church's and its entities' involvement with the United Nations cannot be fully known except by those intimately involved in the day-to-day operations of the relationship. As this topic has been researched, what began as knowledge of only the consultative status of the GC and ADRA with the UN has expanded in scope. More frequent involvement of the GC and its associated entities is being discovered. In light of this, the lists below should not be seen as exhaustive of the scope of their involvement.

Direct submissive[84] relationship with the UN

- **1943–1949**: The "Seventh-day Adventist Church in America" formed a partnership with UNRAA through

[83] Judges 2:3–4.
[84] See the requirements of these relationships as outlined in Abbreviations and Terms, Consultative Status, DGC, and UNRAA.

the Office of Voluntary and International Agency Liaison.[85]

- **1945:** The GC voted "to join with other religious bodies in making a statement on the question of religious liberty, in the hope that it may be brought to the attention of the Security Conference in San Francisco" [referring to the first meeting of the UN]. They also voted to send 15 delegates to attend the conference to represent the Seventh-day Adventist Church, including Dr Jean Nussbaum (see below).[86]
- **1933–mid 1950s:** The PARL director for the Southern European Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church from 1933 to 1967, Dr Jean Nussbaum,[87] had a significant history of being the official representative of the GC at the League of Nations over calendar reform,[88] and a protracted

[85] "Item S-1267-0000-0118-00001: American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service, Inc.," United Nations Archives, accessed December 9, 2025, https://search.archives.un.org/s-1267-0000-0118-00001.
[86] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *General Conference Committee Minutes, March 1945* (Washington, D.C.: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 1945), 1809, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1945-03.pdf.
[87] Lowell Cooper, "Leadership Innovation: Better Solutions for New Situations," *Adventist Review*, September 1, 2020, accessed December 11, 2025, https://adventistreview.org/focus/leadership-innovation.
Dr. Jean Nussbaum was the religious liberty secretary of the Southern European Division from 1932 General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *General Conference Committee Minutes, January 1932* (Washington, D.C.: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 1932), 557, accessed December 15, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1932-01.pdf.
[88] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *General Conference Committee Minutes, May 1931* (Washington, D.C.: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 1931), 341, accessed December 15, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1931-05.pdf.
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General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *General Conference Committee Minutes, February 1937* (Washington, D.C.: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 1937), 259, accessed December 15, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1937-02.pdf.
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history of being a representative of the GC at the UN.[89] Under the instruction and expense of the GC,[90] he "attended the United Nations Convention in San Francisco [in 1945] where he and Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt were appointed members of the Economic and Social Council to deal with human rights issues."[91]

Dr Nussbaum established the International Association for the Defence of Religious Liberty (AIDLR) and had Mrs Roosevelt as the first honorary president. Before it had achieved official consultative status in 1987, the AIDLR "contributed significantly to international agreements, including the *1981 UN Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief."*[92]

Adventists, 1937), 454, accessed December 15, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1937-08.pdf.

[89] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *General Conference Committee Minutes, July 1950* (Washington, D.C.: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 1950), 37 accessed December 16, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1950-07.pdf. General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *General Conference Committee Minutes, March 1952* (Washington, D.C.: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 1952), 722, accessed December 16, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1952-03.pdf; General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *General Conference Committee Minutes, August 1953* (Washington, D.C.: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 1953), 1250, accessed December 16, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1953-08.pdf. General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *General Conference Committee Minutes, September 1960* (Washington, D.C.: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 1960), 665 accessed December 16, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1960-09.pdf. General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *General Conference Committee Minutes, March 1957* (Washington, D.C.: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 1957), 835, accessed December 16, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1957-03.pdf.

[90] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *General Conference Committee Minutes, March 1945* (Washington, D.C.: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 1945), 1809, accessed December 16, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1945-03.pdf.

[91] *History – The International Association for the Defence of Religious Liberty (AIDLR)*, AIDLR, accessed December 11, 2025, https://promesa.pro/history.

[92] Ibid.

- **1945:** Dr. Bert Beach also represented the GC at the UN and also "met with the American First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt to discuss religious freedom issues at the founding of the UN."[93]
- **March 21, 1985:** The GC committee was informed, "last night the Non-Governmental Organizations Committee of the Economic, Social and Cultural Council of the United Nations voted to recommend to the Council the granting of Consultative Status in Category II to the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists."[94] It was announced to the world Church later in 1985[95]
- **1997:** The Adventist Development and Relief Agency achieved general consultative status with ECOSOC.[96]

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[93] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *AdventistLiberty.org*, "*What We Do (Public Affairs and Religious Liberty – PARL)*," accessed December 27, 2025, https://www.adventistliberty.org/more-about-parl.

[94] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *General Conference Committee Minutes, March 1985* (Washington, D.C.: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 1985), 85-82, accessed December 16, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1985-03.pdf.
United Nations Economic and Social Council, *Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, First Regular Session of 1985* (E/1985/19, April 16, 1985), United Nations Economic and Social Council, *Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, First Regular Session of 1985* (E/1985/19, April 16, 1985), accessed December 16, 2025, https://documents.un.org/doc/undoc/gen/nl3/219/71/pdf/nl321971.pdf;
United Nations, "e-SANGO Civil Society Search: 'Adventist'," accessed December 5, 2025, https://esango.un.org/civilsociety/simpleSearch.do?method=search&searchTypeRedef=simpleSearch&searchType=simpleSearch&organizationNamee=Adventist.

[95] B. B. Beach, "GC Receives NGO Status from UN," *Review and Herald* 162, no. 23 (June 6, 1985), 24, accessed December 16, 1985, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/RH/RH19850606-V162-23.pdf.
Neal C. Wilson, "The 20th Century Book of Acts," *Review and Herald*, 7 (663), June 27, 1985, accessed October 27, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/GCSessionBulletins/GCB1985-01.pdf.

[96] Adventist Development and Relief Agency Australia, "Our History," ADRA Australia, accessed November 7, 2025, https://www.adra.org.au/about-us/our-history.
United Nations, "e-SANGO Civil Society Search: 'Adventist'," accessed December 5, 2025, https://esango.un.org/civilsociety/simpleSearch.do?method=search&searchTypeRedef=simpleSearch&searchType=simpleSearch&organizationNamee=Adventist.

- **No date:** Adventist Agency for Aid and Development — Niger in partnership with OSAA to, "Facilitate access to quality basic education and primary healthcare for low-income families; Facilitate access to food for populations in rural areas."[97]
- **No date:** Adventist Agency for Aid and Development — Togo in partnership with OSAA[98]
- Seventh-Day Adventists Eastern Africa Division - Department of Women's Ministries in partnership with OSAA[99]

  The OSAA also has other organizations that are affiliated with it including Ordine dei Cavalieri Templari Cristiani Jacques De Molay (Order of the Christian Knights Templar Jacques De Molay)[100]

- **1987:** The International Association for the Defence of Religious Liberty achieved special consultative status with ECOSOC.[101]
- **2003:** The International Religious Liberty Association achieved general consultative status. After several years of good relations with the United Nations, it was granted Special Consultative Status by the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).[102]

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[97] United Nations, "e-SANGO Civil Society Search: 'Adventist'," accessed December 5, 2025, https://esango.un.org/civilsociety/simpleSearch.do?method=search&searchTypeRedef=simpleSearch&searchType=simpleSearch&organizationNamee=Adventist.
[98] Ibid.
[99] Ibid.
[100] "Ordine dei Cavalieri Templari Cristiani Jacques De Molay," profile in United Nations Civil Society Participation database (ESANGO), accessed January 3, 2026, https://esango.un.org/civilsociety/simpleSearch.do?method=search&searchTypeRedef=simpleSearch&searchType=simpleSearch&organizationNamee=DeMolay.
[101] John Graz, "The International Religious Liberty Association," *Encyclopedia of Seventh-day Adventists*, June 11, 2022, accessed December 27, 2025, https://encyclopedia.adventist.org/article?id=CJII.
United Nations, "e-SANGO Civil Society Search: 'Defence of Religious Liberty'," accessed December 5, 2025, https://esango.un.org/civilsociety/simpleSearch.do?method=search&searchTypeRedef=simpleSearch&searchType=simpleSearch&organizationNamee=Defence+of+Religious+Liberty.
[102] United Nations, "e-SANGO Civil Society Search: 'IRLA'," accessed December 5, 2025,

- **2017:** the GC entered into a partnership with the UN Office on *Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect*, the *UN Inter-Agency Task Force for Engagement with Faith-based Organizations* and the *Committee of Religious NGOs* at the UN to run a *Symposium on Just, Inclusive and Sustainable Peace*. This symposium is part of an annual program that the GC runs to help other faith-based organizations achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.[103]
- **2021:** Nelu Burcea, then the UN Liaison Officer for the GC, participated in an online training workshop on *Changing Mindsets and Strengthening Governance Capacities for Policy Coherence for a Holistic Implementation of the 2030 Agenda in the Arab region.* [104] The objectives of the workshop were as follows:

  > "The workshop aimed to raise awareness and develop capacities among senior public servants from the Arab region on the need for effective institutional arrangements for holistic policy coherence to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It also highlighted the importance of changing mindsets and key competencies needed for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Furthermore, the workshop served to pilot draft material related to two training toolkits on "Strengthening Institutional Arrangements and

https://esango.un.org/civilsociety/simpleSearch.do?method=search&searchTypeRedef=simpleSearch&searchType=simpleSearch&organizationNamee=IRLA.

[103] Joint Learning Initiative on Faith & Local Communities, *"Concept Note: Third Annual Symposium on the Role of Religion and Faith-Based Organizations in International Affairs"* (New York: United Nations Secretariat, 23 January 2017), accessed December 26, 2025, https://jliflc.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Concept-Note-Final-Version-1.pdf.

[104] United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, "Changing Mindsets and Governance Capacities for Policy Coherence for a Holistic Implementation of the 2030 Agenda in the Arab Region," March 16, 2021, United Nations Public Administration Network, 19, accessed December 25, 2025, https://publicadministration.desa.un.org/sites/default/files/publications/2023/Report%20-%20Changing%20Mindsets%20and%20Governace%20Capacities%20Final.pdf.

Governance Capacity for Policy Coherence to implement the SDGs" and "Public Servants' Mindsets and Capacities to Implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development"[105] (emphasis supplied).

UN World Health Organization

- "The Seventh-day Adventist Church has a track record of collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO)." The GC of the Seventh-day Adventists ran two joint conferences with the WHO.[106] They worked with the WHO to address the issue of HIV / AIDS, alcoholism, and drug dependency,[107] and collaborated as partners on projects with the World Health Organization in 2011[108] and again in 2015.[109]
- ADRA has a long-standing partnership with WHO[110]
- Loma Linda University, the global School of Medicine of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, is considered a WHO Collaborating Centre for Training and Community Mental Health[111]

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[105] Ibid., 5.
[106] General Conference Health Ministries, "Why are Seventh-day Adventists interested in Health? (The Adventist Health Advantage)," History, accessed December 5, 2025, https://www.healthministries.com/history.
[107] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *General Conference Committee Minutes, October 2004 (AC)* (Silver Spring, MD: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 2004), 04-300, accessed December 17, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC2004-10AC.pdf.
[108] Pan American Health Organization, "PAHO, Seventh-day Adventists Partner to Strengthen Health Efforts in the Americas," news release, July 28, 2011, accessed December 5, 2025, https://www.paho.org/en/news/28-7-2011-paho-seventh-day-adventists-partner-strengthen-health-efforts-americas.
[109] Adventist Echo, "WHO Teams Up with Adventists in a Global First," July 30, 2015, accessed December 5, 2025, https://echo.sid.adventist.org/who-teams-up-with-adventists-in-a-global-first.
[110] "Partnerships," ADRA, accessed December 9, 2025, https://adraalbania.org/about-adra/corporate-information/#:~:text=For%20decades%2C%20ADRA%20has%20maintained,for%20Peace%20(USAID%20FFP).
[111] World Health Organization, *WHO Collaborating Centres Database record for designation ID a79NN0000005GAuYAM*, accessed December 11, 2025, https://who.my.site.com/ecc/s/view-designation-details?recordId=a79NN0000005GAuYAM.

UN Department of Global Communications (DGC):

- The GC of Seventh-day Adventists is formally associated.[112]

UN Interagency Taskforce on Religion and Sustainable Development (IATF-R)

- GC of Seventh-day Adventists through its involvement with the establishment of the *Symposium on the Role of Religion and Faith-Based Organizations in International Affairs*. [113]
- ADRA through being a member of the *Multi-faith Advisory Council*.[114]

Other UN Agencies [115]

- "Throughout the years, ADRA has forged partnerships with the WFP, UNHCR, WHO, UNICEF, and other UN Agencies."[116,117]

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[112] Organizations Formally Associated with the United Nations Department of Global Communications (November 2025)," United Nations Department of Global Communications, Entry 550, accessed December 9, 2025, https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/2025/10/list_of_csos_associated_with_dgc_-_november_2025.pdf.

[113] International Religious Liberty Association (IRLA), *Concept Note — Ninth Annual Symposium on the Role of Religion and Faith-Based Organizations in International Affairs*, January 24, 2023, accessed December 9, 2025, https://www.irla.org/assets/public/files/2023-01/Ninth_Symposium_Program_1.pdf.

[114] *Annual Report of the United Nations Interagency Task Force on Engaging Faith-Based Actors for Sustainable Development*, 2018, accessed December 9, 2025, https://jliflc.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/UNIATF2018.pdf.

[115] United Nations, "Adventist Development and Relief Agency," Operational Data Portal, accessed December 31, 2025, https://data.unhcr.org/en/partners/view/21.

[116] "Partnerships," ADRA Albania, accessed December 9, 2025, https://adraalbania.org/about-adra/corporate-information/#:~:text=For%20decades%2C%20ADRA%20has%20maintained,for%20Peace%20(USAID%20FFP).
"Partnerships," ADRA Switzerland, accessed December 9, 2025, https://switzerland.adra.cloud/about-us/faqs.

[117] *TUNISIA Factsheet*, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), September 2015, accessed December 9, 2025, https://www.unhcr.org/sites/default/files/legacy-pdf/561e4fef6.pdf.
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, *NGO Profile in Brief* (Geneva: UNHCR, 2007), accessed December 16, 2025, https://www.unhcr.org/ngo-consultations/ngo-consultations-2007/06_NGO_profile_in_brief.pdf.

- **1966 to 1980**: The Seventh-day Adventist World Service (SAWS, previous name for ADRA) partnered with the United States government and the UN in the *Food for Peace* program, which provided soy fortified food shipments for humanitarian purposes.[118]
- **1978:** The GC committee meeting minutes note a relationship between SAWS and the UN World Food Program.[119]
- **1971:** The SAWS partnered with the UN in providing humanitarian support for East Pakistan.[120]
- **1980:** The GC voted to have the Seventh-day Adventist *International Temperance Association* cooperate with the *International Commission for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Dependence,* a UN NGO.[121]
- **1981** (and potentially before this year): Representatives of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, including the President of the Italian Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and a European PARL director, worked as members of the UN Human Rights Commission to write a declaration on tolerance.[122]

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[118] Shurtleff, William, and Akiko Aoyagi. *History of Food for Peace (Public Law 480) and Soybeans, 1854–2021*, Lafayette, CA: Soyinfo Center, November 16, 2021 (ISBN 978-1-948436-59-5), accessed December 16, 2025, https://www.soyinfocenter.com/pdf/268/PL48.pdf.

[119] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *General Conference Committee Minutes, July 1978* (Washington, D.C.: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 1978), 78-171 accessed December 16, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1978-07.pdf

[120] American Jewish Archives, *Manuscript Collection MS-603, File 69/10*, accessed December 16, 2025 https://collections.americanjewisharchives.org/ms/ms0603/ms0603.069.010.pdf.

[121] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *General Conference Committee Minutes, October 1980* (Washington, D.C.: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 1980), 80-227 accessed December 16, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1980-10a.pdf.

[122] Gianfranco Rossi, "Adventists and the Struggle for Human Rights," *Adventist Review* 179, no. 6 (February 7, 2002): 30–33, accessed December 21, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/RH/RH20020207-V179-06.pdf.

- **1984:** The UN appealed to ADRA to assist in the provision of clothing for a relief program for the Near East.[123]

SDA representatives to the UN

Note that the list below includes representatives of the Seventh-day Adventist Church at the UN. These are not 'observers' or 'journalists.' This is not believed to be a comprehensive list of those who have represented the GC at the UN. The list contains all those that were easily found.

- **1945–mid 1950s**: Dr Nussbaum was appointed to be a GC representative to the UN.[124]
- **1945**: B. B. Beach was appointed to be a GC representative to the UN.[125]
- **1949:** C.B. Haynes was appointed to be the GC representative to the UN meeting in the State Department.[126]
- **1949:** H. H. Votaw was appointed to be the GC representative to the UN *Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization* (UNESCO).[127]
- **1958:** Mrs Joyce Hopp was appointed to be the GC representative to the *Nutrition Committee* of UNESCO.[128]

[123] Seventh-day Adventist Church, *General Conference Committee Minutes, July 1984*, July 5–19, 1984, pages 84-242, accessed January 3, 2026, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1984-07.pdf
[124] See section on Jean Nussbaum under Direct submissive relationship with the UN.
[125] Seventh-day Adventist Church, *"What We Do," accessed January 3, 2026, https://www.adventistliberty.org/more-about-parl.
[126] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *General Conference Committee Minutes, January 1949* (Washington, D.C.: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 1949) 1324, accessed December 15, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1949-01.pdf.
[127] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *General Conference Committee Minutes, February 1949* (Washington, D.C.: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 1949), 1369, accessed December 15, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1949-02.pdf.
[128] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *General Conference Committee Minutes, October 1958* (Washington, D.C.: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 1958), 159, accessed December 16, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1958-10.pdf.

- **1971:** The GC *Autumn Council* spoke of selecting someone to serve as a liaison officer to the UN.[129] The exact person identified is not specified.
- **1981:** Dr Gianfranco Rossi became a long-standing representative of the GC at the UN called the *UN Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief*.[130]
- **1982:** Neville Matthews was the GC representative to the UN.[131]
- **2000** (or close to): Dr Jonathan Gallagher was the GC representative to the UN.[132]
- **2008:** Barry Bussey was elected as the UN liaison officer.[133]

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[129] Seventh-day Adventist Church, *General Conference Committee Minutes, Autumn Council, October 1971*, "Minutes of the Autumn Council," General Conference Committee, October 1971, accessed December 16, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1971-10.pdf.

[130] Gianfranco Rossi, "Adventists and the Struggle for HUMAN," *Adventist Review*, February 7, 2002, 30–33, accessed January 3, 2026, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/RH/RH20020207-V179-06.pdf.

Seventh-day Adventist Church, "More About Public Affairs and Religious Liberty (PARL)," *AdventistLiberty.org*, accessed January 3, 2026, https://www.adventistliberty.org/more-about-parl.

Bettina Krause, "Religious Liberty Expert Condemns Abuses in Saudi Arabia," *Adventist News Network*, April 4, 2000, accessed January 3, 2026, https://adventist.news/ru/news/religious-liberty-expert-condemns-abuses-in-saudi-arabia.

[131] Jr Ferrer (Communication Director, Canadian University College), "Former CUC President Neville Matthews Dies," *Canadian Adventist Messenger* (website), last modified 2024, accessed January 3, 2026, https://adventistmessenger.ca/news/former-cuc-president-neville-matthews-dies-2.

[132] Kelly Razzouk and Rachel Bostic, "United Nations: Church Representatives Working as Agents for Change," *Adventist News Network,* September 8, 2003, accessed January 3, 2026, https://adventist.news/news/united-nations-church-representatives-working-as-agents-for-change.

ANN Staff, "Adventists Encouraged by UN Call for Partnership," *Adventist News Network*, August 28, 2000, accessed January 3, 2026, https://adventist.news/news/adventists-encouraged-by-un-call-for-partnership

[133] Bettina Krause, "Diop Is Adventist Church's New UN Liaison," *Adventist News Network*, August 12, 2011, accessed December 28, 2025, https://adventist.news/news/diop-is-adventist-churchs-new-un-liaison.

- **2009:** James Standish was appointed the worldwide denominations liaison to the UN.[134]
- **2011:** Dr Ganoune Diop was elected as the representative of the GC at the UN.[135]
- **2015:** Nelu Burcea was elected as the UN liaison for the Seventh-day Adventist Church.[136]
- **2015:** GC President Ted Wilson, the Director of PARL, and the Associate Director of PARL met with the Secretary-General of the UN. The Director of PARL said, "It was a historic meeting between the UN Secretary-General and the President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church about the state of the world and how we can help people living in very difficult environments." "As disciples of Jesus, we want to help people and especially those who are voiceless, discriminated against, and persecuted," he said. "In this way, we share the essential values of the UN." The Associate Director of PARL noted, "The impressive portfolio that the Seventh-day Adventist Church has developed for service to the whole human family remarkably resonates with the Millennium Development Goals and the Sustainable Development Goals of the UN."[137]

Permanent Presence at the UN

- **1983:** Under the directorship of B. B. Beach, the PARL department was listed in the Seventh-day Adventist

[134] "Standish Appointed New UN Liaison for Adventist Church," *EUD News,* August 25, 2009, accessed December 28, 2025, https://news.eud.adventist.org/all-news/standish-appointed-new-un-liaison-for-adventist-church.
[135] "Adventist Church Voice at the United Nations," *Adventist Church EUD News* (Silver Spring, Maryland, August 28, 2011), accessed December 26, 2025, https://news.eud.adventist.org/all-news/adventist-church-voice-at-the-united-nations.
[136] "Changing the World Through Business: A Contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals", accessed December 28, 2025, https://digitalcommons.andrews.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1097&context=pda.
[137] "Adventist Church President Holds First Meeting With UN Chief," *Adventist Review*, April 7, 2015, https://adventistreview.org/news/adventist-church-president-holds-first-meeting-with-un-chief.

Year Book as having an office in the "New York–United Nations Office: 777 United Nations Plaza, New York, New York, 10017."[138] It remained in 1984,[139] 1985,[140] and was still listed in the 2023 yearbook.[141]

- **Ongoing:** The GC continues to have a permanent presence at the UN office in Geneva and in New York so that there is permanent and regular liaising between the Church the Human Rights Commission, the World Health Organization UNAIDS, and the UN International Labor Office.[142]

GC-UN cooperation before consultative status

- **1945–48:** Jean Nussbaum supported the development of ECOSOC and the writing of the UN Universal Declaration on Human Rights (see previous references to this earlier in the chapter).
- **1950**: GC committee minutes recorded a vote to endorse giving authority to a United States Committee to use the name of "General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists" to bring a UN convention before the Senate.[143]
- **1950:** GC committee minutes recorded a vote to write a letter to US senators endorsing a UN convention.[144]

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[138] *Seventh-day Adventist Yearbook* (1983), 26 accessed December 28, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Yearbooks/YB1983.pdf.
[139] *Seventh-day Adventist Yearbook* (1984), 20, accessed December 28, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Yearbooks/YB1984.pdf.
[140] *Seventh-day Adventist Yearbook* (1985), 20, accessed December 28, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Yearbooks/YB1985.pdf.
[141] *Seventh-day Adventist Yearbook* (2023), 36, accessed December 28, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Yearbooks/YB2023.pdf.
[142]Viola Hughes, "Geneva: New Intern Office to Serve United Nations Commission on Human Rights," *Inter-American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church* (January 2004), accessed December 17, 2025, https://interamerica.org/2004/01/geneva-new-intern-office-to-serve-united-nations-commission-on-human-rights.
[143] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *General Conference Committee Minutes, January 1950* (Washington, D.C.: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 1950), 1750, accessed December 15, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1950-01.pdf.
[144] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *General Conference Committee Minutes, August 1950* (Washington, D.C.: General Conference of Seventh-day

- **1957**: GC committee minutes recorded a vote to have D. H. W. Miller work with the UN to establish a soy-bean-milk industry in Indonesia.[145]
- **1975:** J. W. McFarland was authorised by the GC to deliver the Seventh-day Adventist 5-Day plan to stop smoking to UN personnel working in underdeveloped countries.[146]
- **1981:** Gianfranco Ross, PARL director of the Euro-Africa Division, was instrumental in working on the Declaration on Religious Liberty called the *Declaration on Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief*.[147]

Recruitment of SDA members to work for the UN

- **1944:** The GC voted, "We undertake to recruit, through our Medical Department, up to eight nurses for civilian nursing work in North Africa" to work for UNRRA.[148]
- **1974:** The GC encouraged Seventh-day Adventist Church members to work for the UN as paid or volunteer staff. They specifically were focusing on

Adventists, 1950), 57, accessed December 16, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1950-08.pdf.

[145] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *General Conference Committee Minutes, January 1957* (Washington, D.C.: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 1957), 795, accessed December 16, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1957-01.pdf.

[146] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *General Conference Committee Minutes, December 1974* (Washington, D.C.: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 1974), 74-461, accessed December 16, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1974-12.pdf.

[147] *Adventist Review*, "Vol. 178, No. 45," November 8, 2001, accessed December 27, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/RH/RH20011108-V178-45.pdf.

[148] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *General Conference Committee Minutes, August 1944* (Washington, D.C.: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 1944), 1503, accessed December 15, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1944-08.pdf.

using the GC Youth Departments to identify appropriate recruits.[149]

Other NGOs in Partnership with the GC through ECOSOC

- As of December 31 2024, 6,494 NGOs were in consultative status with ECOSOC.[150] Due to their mutual consultative status with ECOSOC, the GC is effectively in partnership with these other NGOs.
- Some of these organizations listed in the ECOSOC register[151] include, but are not limited to:[152]
    - **Protestant** denomination entities such as (but not limited to): Friends World Committee for Consultation (Quakers), World Evangelical Alliance, Baptist World Alliance, Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, TaiWha Methodist Social Welfare Foundation, United Methodist Church General Board of Global Ministries, Women's Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women, United Methodist Church General Board of Church and Society, Anglican Consultative Council, Lutheran World Federation, Anchor of Salvation International Ministries, Ethiopia Africa Black International Congress Church of

[149] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *General Conference Committee Minutes, December 1974* (Washington, D.C.: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 1974), 3, accessed December 16, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1974-12.pdf.
[150] United Nations, "Introduction to ECOSOC Consultative Status," ECOSOC, accessed December 5, 2025, https://ecosoc.un.org/en/ngo/consultative-status.
[151] United Nations, Economic and Social Council, List of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council as at 31 December 2022, E/2023/INF/5 (4 April 2023), accessed December 7, 2025, https://docs.un.org/en/E/2023/INF/5.
[152] All organizations listed are easily found in the document in the above footnote, except where specific footnote references are provided.

Salvation, Salvation Army, Evangelical Fellowship of India Commission on Relief, Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, Women's Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Association of Presbyterian Women of Aoteaora, New Zealand, Presbyterian Church (USA), Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (USA), United Bible Societies Association

- **Orthodox** organizations such as (but not limited to): Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Council of North and South America
- **Catholic (or Catholic initiated)** organizations such as (but not limited to): Association Jesuit Worldwide Learning — Higher Education at the Margins, Jesuit Refugee Service, Regis Jesuit High School Corporation, Caritas Internationalis (International Confederation of Catholic Charities), Congregations of St. Joseph, Covenant House, Pax Christi International, New Humanity, Dominicans for Justice and Peace — Order of Preachers
- **Fraternal** organizations: Sovereign Knightly Order of Christ the Savior, The United Kingdom Grand Priory of the International Knightly Order Valiant of St. George, Centre of Liaison and Information of Masonic Powers Signatories of Strasbourg Appeal (CLIPSAS),[153]

[153] "CLIPSAS (Centre of Liaison and Information of Masonic Powers Signatories of Strasbourg Appeal)," profile in United Nations Civil Society Participation database (iCSO), accessed 3 January 2026, https://esango.un.org/civilsociety/showProfileDetail.do?method=showProfileDetails&profileCode=4549.

Archconfraternity of Papal Knights,[154] Order of Malta[155]

- **Esoteric, theosophical, occult** organizations and **eastern religions** such as (but not limited to): Lucis Trust Association, Radha Soami Sat Sang Bea, Science of Spirituality, Temple of Understanding, Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University, Adhyatma Vigyan Satsang Kendra, Adharshila, Admighty Foundation
- **Pagan (nature worship)** organizations such as (but not limited to): Ecospirituality Foundation, Adivasi Yuva Seva Sangh
- **Islamic** organizations such as (but not limited to): Imam Ali's Popular Students Relief Society, Islamic Relief USA, Muslim World League, Organization of Islamic Capitals and Cities, World Muslim Congress
- **Jewish** organizations such as (but not limited to): Institute of Noahide Code, A New Dawn — Bedouin Jewish Centre in the Negev for Equality and Accessibility in Education, Research, Peace and Welfare Services, Access Israel, American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc.
- **Zionist** organizations such as (but not limited to): American Zionist Movement, Hadassah: The Women's Zionist Organization of America, Women's International Zionist Organization

[154] *Archconfraternity of Papal Knights*, profile in United Nations Civil Society Participation database (iCSO), accessed 3 January 2026, https://esango.un.org/civilsociety/showProfileDetail.do?method=showProfileDetails&tab=1&profileCode=682269.

[155] "Fondation CIOMAL de l'Ordre de Malte (Campagne internationale de l'Ordre de Malte contre la lèpre) (Order of the Knights of Malta)," profile in United Nations Civil Society Participation database (iCSO), accessed 3 January 2026, https://esango.un.org/civilsociety/showProfileDetail.do?method=showProfileDetails&tab=3&profileCode=657792.

- **Ecumenical** institutions such as (but not limited to)**:** Commission of the Churches on International Affairs of the World Council of Churches, World Conference of Religions for Peace, ACT Alliance — Action by Churches Together, United Religions Initiative, Christian Solidarity International. These institutions have many organizations that are members and are required to abide by the codes of conduct and principles of those ecumenical institutions, which, in turn, must abide by the requirements of the UN. Some of the organizations and churches that are part of the ecumenical institutions would not normally want to be associated with the UN; however, membership in such institutions places them in a proxy relationship with the UN.
- **Trade Unions** such as (but not limited to): Organization of African Trade Union Unity, International Road Transport Union, International Trade Union Confederation, International Transport Workers' Federation, International Union of Economists, World Federation of Trade Unions
- **Environmental activists'** groups such as (but not limited to): Environmental Development Action in the Third World, Biovision Stiftung für ökologische Entwicklung, Greenpeace International, World Wide Fund for Nature International, Action pour le respect et la protection de l'environnement, Action progressive pour la gestion de l'environnement, Advocates for the Environment, Inc., African Wildlife Foundation, Ajemalebu Self Help

- **Scientific** and **Medical** groups such as (but not limited to): DEVNET Association, Academy for Future Science, AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition, American Museum of Natural History
- **Financial** and **consumer** groups such as (but not limited to): Consumers International, Convention of Independent Financial Advisors, Confederación Latinoamericana de Cooperativas de Ahorro y Crédito, Global Economist Forum, African Confederation of Co-operative Savings and Credit Associations, Vienna Economic Forum
- **Legal** organizations such as (but not limited to): Institute of International Law
- **Political groups** and **thinktanks** such as (but not limited to): Socialist International, Parliamentarians for Global Action,
- **Religiously affiliated thinktanks** such as (but not limited to)**:** Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo, Heritage Foundation, Family Research Council, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung
- **Population control organizations** such as (but not limited to): International Council on Management of Population Programmes, International Planned Parenthood Federation, Action Canada for Population and Development

- Many more organizations are in consultative status with ECOSOC or are members of NGOs that have consultative status. The reader is directed to read the associated document in the footnote for more organizations, as well as

identify what NGOs the organization in question may be a member of that, in turn, have consultative status with ECOSOC.

Other NGOs in Partnership with the GC through DGC

- As of November 2025, 1620 NGOs were in association with the UN Department of Global Communications (DGC).[156] These organizations are in partnership with the GC, which is also in association with DGC. Some of these organizations include,
    - **Protestant NGOs:** American Baptist Churches-Usa National Ministries, Baptist World Alliance, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Usa, Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission Of The Southern Baptist Convention, North American Mission Board Southern Baptist Convention, Presbyterian Church (USA), Lutheran Immigration And Refugee Service, Lutheran World Federation, Church Of The Brethren, National Council Of The Churches Of Christ In The USA, Tanzania Young Men's Christian Association, United Church Of Christ —Wider Church Ministries, United Church Of Christ Justice And Witness Ministries, United Methodist Church —General Board Of Church And Society, United Methodist Church — General Board Of Global Ministries, World Alliance Of Young Men's Christian Associations, World Christian Life Community, World Council Of Independent Christian Churches.

[156] "Organizations Formally Associated with the United Nations," United Nations, accessed January 3, 2026, https://www.un.org/en/file/210163/download?token=E5gOaBvX.

- **Fraternal NGOs:** Sovereign Military Order Of The Temple Of Jerusalem, International Masonic Order "DELPHI."
- **Catholic NGOs:** Pax Christi International, International Catholic Peace Movement, Pax Romana (International Catholic Movement for Intellectual and Cultural Affairs and International Movement of Catholic Students), World Union Of Catholic Women's Organizations, Catholic International Education Office, Catholic Near East Welfare Association, Catholics For Choice, International Catholic Organizations Information Center, International Federation Of Catholic Universities, National Catholic Educational Association, National Council Of Catholic Women.
- **Esoteric / New Age NGOs:** Aquarian Age Community, Gaia Education

- Many more organizations work with the UN Department of Global Communications. The reader is directed to refer to the associated document in the footnote for more organizations.

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Creation Vs Evolution

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the Earth."[157]

SDAs believe in a recent and literal six-day creation.[158]

Summary: Scripture rejects evolution and long-age chronology, affirming a recent six-day creation by God.

- The Scriptures reject macro-evolutionary theories (the idea that the variety of species of complex life-forms we have today come from a single or a small number of lower forms of life).[159]
- The Scriptures reject long-age chronology (the idea that the Earth and its life-forms have taken millions of years to form).[160]
- The Scriptures declare that the world was made in six literal days by the creative word of God.[161]
- The Scriptures place death *after* the creation of Adam and Eve and *after* they fell into sin,[162] but the theory

[157] Genesis 1:1.
[158] *Fundamental Belief 6 Creation*. See General Conference Ministerial Association, *Seventh-day Adventists Believe: A Biblical Exposition of Fundamental Doctrines*, 2nd ed. (Nampa, ID: Review and Herald Publishing Association, 2018). For summary statements on the Biblical understanding of scripture held by Seventh-day Adventists (Fundamental Beliefs), see "What We Believe," Seventh-day Adventist Church Australia, accessed October 12, 2025, https://adventist.org.au/statements-of-belief.
[159] Colossians 1:16; John 1:1–3; Genesis 1–2.
[160] Genesis 1–2; Exodus 20:11; Exodus 31:17.
[161] Genesis 1; Psalms 33:6–9; Acts 17:24; Hebrews 1:2; Hebrews 11:3; Revelation 14:7.
[162] Genesis 2:17; Romans 5:12.

of evolution and long-Earth ages requires death to occur before the existence of Adam and Eve.[163]

- The Scripture states that humanity was created as "male and female" in God's image; they were not made as lower-life-forms.[164]

Why is a recent and literal six-day creation important?

Salvation includes being cleansed from sin and its effects and being rescued from this world.[165]

- For sin to be overcome, Christ needs to recreate us anew.[166]
- God recreates us with the same Word that He used to create this world. [167]
- The Bible warns that those who do not believe in the power of God's word to create the world or be recreated in salvation will be judged as unrighteous and will not have a place in God's kingdom.[168]
- The final warning message from Jesus Christ for God's Church says, "These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God."[169] To accept the message of Jesus to the Church of Laodicea requires a belief that He began everything that is created; He is then considered the Faithful and True witness to His creation.
- The final warning message from Jesus Christ to the world says, "And I saw another angel fly in the midst

[163] Frank Veenstra, Pablo González de Prado Salas, Kasper Stoy, Josh Bongard, and Sebastian Risi, "Death and Progress: How Evolvability Is Influenced by Intrinsic Mortality," *Artificial Life* 26, no. 1 (2020): 90–108, accessed December 12, 2025 https://direct.mit.edu/artl/article-abstract/26/1/90/93267/Death-and-Progress-How-Evolvability-is-Influenced?redirectedFrom=fulltext.
[164] Genesis 1:26–27; Genesis 9:6.
[165] Psalm 51:2; Acts 26:18.
[166] John 3:3–16; Ephesians 2:10; Psalm 51:10.
[167] Luke 4:32; John 1:14, 17:17,19; Ephesians 5:26–27; Hebrews 1:3; Genesis 1; John 1:1–3; Hebrews 11:3.
[168] 2 Peter 3; John 3:16–2; Romans 1:18–32; 2 Thessalonians 2:10–12.
[169] Revelation 3:14.

of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the Earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and Earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."[170] If the world is to accept the message of Jesus to prepare them for the final events on this Earth, it must be coupled with a revelation of and belief in God's ability to create everything out of nothing.

Evolutionary science and the UN

Summary: UN sustainability policies utilise evolution and long-age chronology as core assumptions.

- UN instruments (treaties, conventions, and declarations) and policies rely heavily on the assumption that macro-evolution and long-age of the Earth are correct. For example,
    - The *Convention on Biological Diversity* cites "key evolutionary…processes;" In its preamble, it says that contracting parties are "Conscious also of the importance of biological diversity for evolution and for maintaining life-sustaining systems of the biosphere." This was a key document signed at the Rio de Janeiro *Climate Change Summit*, which gave birth to *Agenda 21* and is the basis for *Agenda 2030.*[171]
    - All UN climate change policy relies heavily on the assumption of evolution and the Earth being in existence for millennia.[172]

[170] Revelation 14:6–7.
[171] United Nations Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity Montreal, "Convention on Biological Diversity," 1992, accessed October 12, 2025, https://www.cbd.int/doc/legal/cbd-en.pdf. Signed at the Rio de Janeiro summit in 1992 (Agenda 21). The preamble states that contracting parties are and in Annex I—priorities include sites linked to "key evolutionary…processes."
[172] Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), "Climate-Smart Management of Forest Genetic Resources," 2025, accessed October 12, 2025,

- UNESCO's *Global Geoparks/IGGP and World Heritage* speak of Earth's 4.6-billion-year history.[173]
- The *World Heritage Convention* talks of human evolutionary origins.[174]

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https://www.fao.org/climate-smart-agriculture-sourcebook/production-resources/module-b8-genetic-resources/chapter-b8-5/en. The goal of in-situ conservation is "maintaining the evolutionary processes" and the correct "utilization of forest genetic resources started millennia ago."
United Nations World Meteorological Organization (WMO) with the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change* (IPCC), "Climate Change 2021: The Physical Science Basis, Summary for Policymakers," 2021, accessed October 12, 2025, https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg1/downloads/report/IPCC_AR6_WGI_SPM_final.pdf. This article states that, "If global net negative CO2 emissions were to be achieved and be sustained, the global CO2-induced surface temperature increase would be gradually reversed but other climate changes would continue in their current direction for decades to millennia (high confidence)."
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), "Planet Earth – In Deep Time: Understanding Past Climate Change," April 20, 2023, accessed October 12, 2025, https://www.unesco.org/en/articles/planet-Earth-deep-time-understanding-past-climate-change. This article states, "There were great variations in both biodiversity and climate during the Devonian and Carboniferous Periods (419 – 229 million years ago), which were the focus of a 5-year International Geoscience Programme (IGCP) project. A new publication entitled 'Planet Earth – In Deep Time' lays out the findings of this collaborative effort involving specialists from over 30 countries."
The publication referred to (T. J. Suttner et al., *Planet Earth in Deep Time: Palaeozoic Series, Devonian & Carboniferous States* [Stuttgart: E. Schweizerbart'sche Verlagsbuchhandlung, 2016], accessed October 12, 2025, https://www.schweizerbart.de/publications/detail/isbn/9783510653355/Planet_Earth_In_Deep_Time) says, "The geologic and palaeontologic record of climate change best resource of information on the Earth's climate system."
IPCC* AR4, "Climate Change 2007: The Physical Science Basis," 2007, accessed October 12, 2025, https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar4/wg1.
Chapter 6 says, "It is very likely that the current atmospheric concentrations of CO2 (379 ppm) and CH4 (1,774 ppb) exceed by far the natural range of the last 650 kyr." The deep time / long-age view of Earth's history is throughout this article. Chapter 6 accessed October 12, 2025, https://www.ipcc.ch/site/assets/uploads/2018/02/ar4-wg1-chapter6-1.pdf.
Figure 6.1 seeks to demonstrate the changes in the Earth's climate parameters over 400 million years, accessed October 12, 2025, https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar4/wg1/palaeoclimate.

[173] UNESCO, "International Geoscience & Geoparks Programme," 2015, accessed October 12, 2025, https://www.unesco.org/en/iggp. This article speaks of protecting Earth's "4.6 billion-year history."

[174] UNESCO, "Human Evolution: Adaptations, Dispersals and Social Developments," 2011, accessed October 12, 2025, https://whc.unesco.org/en/heads/UNESCO. This article says, "Human Evolution related properties represent a process of evolutionary accretion that took place over a vast period of time."

- The *2030 Agenda* is about "Transforming our world," "sustainable development," methods to "accelerate human progress," and "progressively improve land and soil quality."[175] All of these terms imply evolutionary advancement.

- The UN's World Health Organization (WHO) also bases its health agenda and philosophies on evolutionary principles. For example,
  - It acknowledges resources "shaped by natural evolutionary processes" and climate change theories based on evolution;[176]
  - The WHO's joint *Convention on Biological Diversity Review* talks of co-evolution with infectious organisms since hunter-gatherer times;[177]
  - Its Genomics page affirms cross-species genomic knowledge, which suggests the co-evolution theory;[178]

[175] United Nations General Assembly, *Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* (Resolution A/RES/70/1), adopted September25, 2015, accessed December 5, 2025, https://sdgs.un.org/2030agenda?utm.

[176] World Health Organization (WHO), "Biodiversity and Human Health," n.d., accessed October 12, 2025, https://www.who.int/teams/environment-climate-change-and-health/climate-change-and-health/biodiversity. This publication says, "biological resources are not only shaped by natural evolutionary processes…" It also references the climate change science that is based on evolution and deep time theories.

[177] World Health Organization and Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, *Connecting Global Priorities: Biodiversity and Human Health, A State of Knowledge Review* (Geneva: Convention on Biological Diversity, 2015), accessed October 12, 2025, https://iris.who.int/server/api/core/bitstreams/a2765b5f-eaed-4702-b794-5219e84bd3e8/content The WHO makes it clear that it bases its science on "Darwinian (or evolutionary) medicine," stating that, "At a micro-level, the shared evolutionary fate of humans and their symbiotic bacteria has selected for mutual interactions that are essential for human health." Moreover, they say, "In addition to the microbiota, some other organisms (the "Old Infections") that caused persistent infections or carrier states in hunter-gatherer communities were always present during human evolution, and so had to be tolerated by the immune system. Therefore they co-evolved roles."

[178] WHO, "Genomics," n.d., accessed October 12, 2025, https://www.who.int/health-topics/genomics. Under the "Health-related applications" tab, this article states, "Genomic knowledge of other organisms contributes to the understanding of human health and diseases, the

- The *WHO Bulletin* calls evolution "foundational to medicine and public health;"[179] and
- WHO's *One Health Theory of Change* seeks to ensure goals about human health are grounded in UN climate change theories.[180]

Why is it important that Christians reject macroevolution?

Belief in macro-evolution and long-age chronology rejects the Biblical account of creation and the saving power of Christ. Both theories require death and the survival of the fittest for the formation and survival of humanity and this Earth.[181] Jesus

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interconnectedness across species, and is thus a vital component of the One Health approach" (Comparative genomics relies on shared ancestry—evolution).

[179] Randolph M. Nesse, "What Evolutionary Biology Offers Public Health," *Bulletin of the World Health Organization* 86, no. 2 (February 2008), accessed October 12, 2025, https://iris.who.int/server/api/core/bitstreams/7dddd11b-75a7-4d50-937b-68c01b1fd1f3/content. Randolph M. Nesse says, "Evolution is the foundation of biology, and biology is the foundation of medicine and public health."

[180] One Health High-Level Expert Panel (OHHLEP)^ as advisors to the Quadripartite (FAO, UNEP, WHO, WOAH), "One Health Theory of Change," 2021, accessed October 12, 2025, https://cdn.who.int/media/docs/default-source/one-health/ohhlep/ohhlep--one-health-theory-of-chance.pdf?sfvrsn=f0a46f49_6&download=true. This document speaks of achieving optimal health through "taking action on climate change, and contributing to sustainable development" (p. 11).

* "The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) was established by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) in 1988. The establishment of the IPCC was endorsed by UN General Assembly in 1988. Its initial task, as outlined in UN General Assembly Resolution 43/53 of 6 December 1988, was to prepare a comprehensive review and recommendations with respect to the state of knowledge of the science of climate change; the social and economic impact of climate change, and potential response strategies and elements for inclusion in a possible future international convention on climate." See Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, "History of the IPCC," n.d., accessed October 12, 2025, https://www.ipcc.ch/about/history.

^ "The One Health High Level Expert Panel (OHHLEP), established in May 2021, provides an advisory function to the [UN] Quadripartite organizations – FAO, UNEP, WHO and WOAH – to support their provision of evidence-based scientific and policy advice and technical support on One Health-related matters to their members." Accessed October 12, 2025, https://cdn.who.int/media/docs/default-source/one-health/ohhlep/ohhlep--one-health-theory-of-chance.pdf?sfvrsn=f0a46f49_6&download=true.

[181] Frank Veenstra, Pablo González de Prado Salas, Kasper Stoy, Josh Bongard, and Sebastian Risi, "Death and Progress: How Evolvability Is Influenced by Intrinsic Mortality," *Artificial Life* 26, no. 1 (2020): 90–108, accessed December 12, 2025

Christ said that He came to give us an abundant life[182] and that it is Christ, not our death, that leads to the advancement or survival of humanity.[183] Additionally, the Scriptures are clear that God uses the weak people of this world (those considered "unfit") to perform His greatest work.[184]

Belief in these evolutionary concepts suggests that Earth will continue to sustain development or advancement if humanity provides the right conditions.[185] However, the Bible makes it clear that this Earth will soon pass away,[186] islands will move out of place,[187] the elements will melt with fervent heat,[188] and the wicked will lie dead, scattered upon the Earth.[189] These facts rely on a final judgment based on God's word, summarized in the *Ten Commandments*, for all who refuse the substitutionary blood of Jesus Christ and fail to honor Him by obeying all His commands.

The only hope that this world has is for Christ to restore this planet into the Earth that He makes anew[190] when He brings the New Jerusalem down from heaven after the long-awaited thousand years of peace.[191]

Macro-evolutionary theories are frequently changing.[192] The lack of certainty in this field becomes the basis for a lack of certainty in general, particularly regarding the existential

https://direct.mit.edu/artl/article-abstract/26/1/90/93267/Death-and-Progress-How-Evolvability-is-Influenced?redirectedFrom=fulltext.

[182] John 10:10.

[183] Hebrews 12:2.

[184] Joel 3:10; 1 Corinthians 1:27; 1 Corinthians 4:10; 2 Corinthians 12:0.

[185] United Nations General Assembly, *Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*, (Resolution A/RES/70/1), adopted September 25, 2015, accessed December 5, 2025, https://sdgs.un.org/2030agenda?utm.

[186] Matthew 24:35.

[187] Revelation 6:14; 16:20.

[188] 2 Peter 3:10.

[189] Jeremiah 25:31–33; Revelation 19:18, 20:5.

[190] Isaiah 65:17; 2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:1.

[191] Revelation 20:4–6, 21:1–3, 10.

[192] Henry M. Morris, "The Scientific Case Against Evolution," Institute for Creation Research, accessed December 12, 2025, https://www.icr.org/home/resources/resources_tracts_scientificcaseagainstevolution.

questions of life: why are we here, how did we get here, and where are we going?

If we accept the unbiblical macro-evolutionary and long-age chronology theories, we receive not the love of the truth, and consequently, a strong delusion will come upon us.[193] This will mean that we will not be willing to separate from the world, and will receive the Mark of the Beast[194] as opposed to the Seal of God.[195]

Why reject Sustainable Development?

The Bible says, "That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring."[196] All humanity and the entire world are sustained by Jesus Christ alone. No human effort can bring life or sustain life forever in this world.[197] Humans can merely cooperate with God's divine plan.[198]

While as Christians we should be good stewards of this world that God has made,[199] it is not to be our focus or goal to sustain development in this world, as if we expect the world to continue for millennia to come. The apostle Paul wrote,

> *"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath*

[193] 2 Thessalonians 2:10–11.
[194] Revelation 14:8–9; 15:2.
[195] Revelation 7:1–8; 14:1–5.
[196] Acts 17:27–28.
[197] Job 12:9–10; Psalm 24:1.
[198] Isaiah 14:14; Proverbs 16:9; 19:21; 1 Corinthians 3:9.
[199] Genesis 2:15; Revelation 11:18.

> *subjected the same in hope, because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now."*[200]

The desperate wickedness that lies in the heart of all men[201] has brought untold suffering to man and creature alike. Due to the fall of man into sin, death passed upon all men, all beasts, and the planet.[202] Although Jesus came to die for our sins,[203] it is not in this world that He seeks to leave us.[204] Jesus intends to cleanse this world with fire and create a new Earth that has no trace of sin and suffering,[205] delivering the whole planet from the bondage of corruption that our sin has placed it under.

We are to do all that we can to hasten the return of Jesus Christ,[206] which will, in fact, end the world and all its suffering imminently.[207] The commission that we have been given as Christians is to teach all things that Jesus Christ shared with His disciples.[208] The best way that we can teach is by allowing Jesus Christ to be revealed in us[209] which will include an in-depth knowledge of, and complete obedience to, the Word of God.[210]

GC and related entities endorse evolution.

Summary: The GC and related entities have endorsed UN development goals grounded in evolutionary science.

[200] Romans 8:18–22.
[201] Jeremiah 17:9.
[202] Romans 5:12, 6:23, 8:19–23.
[203] 1 Corinthians 15:1–4.
[204] John 14:2–3; Hebrews 11:13–16.
[205] Jude 1:7; Revelation 14:10, 18:8, 20:9; Malachi 4:3.
[206] 2 Peter 3:12; Revelation 21:4.
[207] 2 Peter 3:10–11, 13.
[208] Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:19–20; Luke 24:27; Genesis to Revelation.
[209] Revelation 18:1; Isaiah 60:1–5; John 1:9–13; 2 Corinthians 3:18.
[210] Philippians 2:12–13; 1 John 2:3; Revelation 14:4; Hebrews 5:8–9; John 14:15; Revelation 12:17, 14:12; 22:14.

Endorsement of the UN Millennium and Sustainable Development Goals (MDGs and SDGs) implicitly accepts the UN's scientific foundations—macro-evolution and long-age theories. Since achieving consultative status with the UN, all GC-related entities have issued statements explicitly endorsing the evolution-based UN MDGs and SDGs. These include, but are not limited to:

GC Official Statements

- ***Caring for the Environment.*** "Since human poverty and environmental degradation are interrelated, we pledge ourselves to improve the quality of life for all people. Our goal is a sustainable development of resources while meeting human needs."[211]
- ***The Dangers of Climate Change.*** "The world membership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church requests that the governments concerned take steps necessary to avert the danger: 1. By fulfilling the agreement reached in Rio de Janeiro (1992 *Convention on Climate Change*) [origin of the Millennium Development Goals] to stabilize carbon dioxide emissions by the year 2000 at 1990 levels; 2. By establishing plans for further reductions in carbon dioxide emissions after the year 2000, and 3. By initiating more forcefully public debate on the risks of climate change."[212]
- ***Stewardship of the Environment.*** "The government and people of Costa Rica are to be commended for their support of a comprehensive policy of sustainable development in harmony with nature."[213]

[211] General Conference Executive Committee, "Caring for the Environment," October 12, 1992, accessed October 12, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/caring-for-the-environment.
[212] General Conference Administrative Committee, "The Dangers of Climate Change," December 19, 1995, accessed October 12, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/the-dangers-of-climate-change.
[213] General Conference Administrative Committee, "Stewardship of the Environment," October 1, 1996, accessed December 12, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/stewardship-of-the-environment.

- ***Global Poverty***. "Seventh-day Adventists join the global community in supporting the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals for reducing poverty by at least 50 percent by 2015. In furtherance of this, Seventh-day Adventists partner with civil society, governments and others, working together locally and globally to participate in God's work of establishing enduring justice in a broken world"[214] (emphasis added).

GC Quadrennial Reports to the United Nations

- **The 1995 *Quadrennial Report*** described the GC activities in support of the UN. It said, "A position statement on the environment was adopted by a plenary of the GC to enlist concern by members, students, friends, neighbours and radio listeners for the physical world."[215] This indicates that the statement was specifically released to support UN development goals.
- **The 2010 and 2014 *Quadrennial Reports*** said, "The values and principles of the Adventist Church find expression in a wide variety of activities that parallel United Nations goals."[216]

[214] General Conference Executive Committee, "Global Poverty," June 24, 2010, accessed October 12, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/global-poverty.
[215] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, *Quadrennial Reports on the Activities of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council, Categories I and II: Quadrennial Reports, 1990–1993* (UN Doc. E/C.2/1995/2, 16 December 1994), accessed December 12, 2025, https://docs.un.org/en/E/C.2/1995/2.
[216] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, *Quadrennial Report of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council, 2007-2009: Report of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists* (UN Doc. E/C.2/2010/2/Add.37, 2010), accessed December 12, 2025, https://docs.un.org/en/E/C.2/2010/2/Add.37.

GC Articles and Activities

- In 2021, Nelu Burcea, then the UN Liaison Officer for the GC, participated in an online training workshop on *Changing Mindsets and Strengthening Governance Capacities for Policy Coherence for a Holistic Implementation of the 2030 Agenda in the Arab region.* [217] The objectives of the workshop were as follows:

  > "The workshop aimed to raise awareness and develop capacities among senior public servants from the Arab region on the need for effective institutional arrangements for holistic policy coherence to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It also highlighted the importance of changing mindsets and key competencies needed for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Furthermore, the workshop served to pilot draft material for two training toolkits: "Strengthening Institutional Arrangements and Governance Capacity for Policy Coherence to implement the SDGs" and "Public Servants' Mindsets and Capacities to Implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development."[218]

- The 2023 Ninth Annual Symposium on *The Role of Religion and Faith-Based Organizations in International Affairs (Securing People's Wellbeing and Planetary Sustainability)* was funded by the GC. On the advertising, it states, "The Symposium was conceived as a space to focus on how religious and partner faith-based organizations could reinforce

[217] United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, "Changing Mindsets and Governance Capacities for Policy Coherence for a Holistic Implementation of the 2030 Agenda in the Arab Region," March 16, 2021, United Nations Public Administration Network, 19, accessed December 25, 2025, https://publicadministration.desa.un.org/sites/default/files/publications/2023/Report%20-%20Changing%20Mindsets%20and%20Governace%20Capacities%20Final.pdf.
[218] Ibid., 5.

engagement around shared concerns of human dignity, human rights and sustainable development, in particular as regards the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)/Agenda 2030."[219] When it mentions the Symposium in the above quote, it is not a specific reference to the 2023 Symposium; it refers to every Symposium run by this group since its inception in 2015.[220] The themes of the Symposia so far have been:

- 2015 — *Human Dignity and Human Rights.*[221]
- 2016 — *Religion, Violence and Extremism*.[222]
- 2017 — *Just, Inclusive and Sustainable Peace*[223]
- 2018 — *Migration and Displacement.*[224]
- 2019 — *Financing for Sustainable Development: Towards an Economy of Life*[225]
- 2020 — *UN@75 and Beijing+25 2020 — a defining year for multilateralism and gender:*

[219] International Religious Liberty Association. *Ninth Annual Symposium on the Role of Religion and Faith-based Organizations in International Affairs: Program, January 24, 2023*. January 24, 2023. Accessed December 7, 2025, https://www.irla.org/assets/public/files/2023-01/Ninth_Symposium_Program_1.pdf.

[220] Joint Learning Initiative on Faith & Local Communities, *"Concept Note: Third Annual Symposium on the Role of Religion and Faith-Based Organizations in International Affairs"* (New York: United Nations Secretariat, 23 January 2017), accessed December 26, 2025, https://jliflc.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Concept-Note-Final-Version-1.pdf.

[221] Linda Bloom, "Human Dignity Sets Tone for Church's International Work," *UM News*, January 22, 2014, accessed December 26, 2025, https://www.umnews.org/en/news/human-dignity-sets-tone-for-churchs-international-work.

[222] World Council of Churches, "Symposium on the Role of Religion in International Affairs," *WCC — Events*, accessed December 27, 2025, https://www.oikoumene.org/events/symposium-on-the-role-of-religion-in-international-affairs.

[223] International Religious Liberty Association, *Ninth Annual Symposium on the Role of Religion and Faith-Based Organizations in International Affairs: Program* (virtual event, January 24, 2023), 10 pages, 5, accessed December 27, 2025, https://www.irla.org/assets/public/files/2023-01/Ninth_Symposium_Program_1.pdf.

[224] Ibid.

[225] International Religious Liberty Association (via *AdventistLiberty.org*), "At the United Nations, Adventists Seek New Approaches to Funding Humanitarian Development," *AdventistLiberty.org*, accessed December 27, 2025, https://www.adventistliberty.org/at-the-united-nations,-adventists-seek-new-approaches-to-funding-humanitarian-development.

Interactive workshop to explore the specific challenges and opportunities for faith-based organizations to engage in the Beijing+25 review linking to the UN anniversary.[226]

- 2021 — *A Defining Year for Accelerating Gender Equality, Equity and Justice."*[227]
- 2022 — *Mobilizing Moral Influence and Governance to End the Systemic Injustices of Racism, the Legacy of Colonialism and Slavery.*[228]
- 2023 — *Securing People's Wellbeing and Planetary Sustainability.*[229]
- 2024 — *Human Rights and Dignity: Towards a Just, Peaceable and Inclusive Future.*[230]
- 2025 — *The Future is Upon Us: What Now? Amplifying the Role of Faith and Civil Society Actors in Multilateral Solutions.* [231]

- In 2025, Ganoune Diop, the PARL director of the GC and the General Secretary of IRLA, when speaking on

[226] International Institute or Event Organizer (if known), "*Postponed: UN75 and Beijing25 2020: A Defining Year for Multilateralism and Gender*," *Eventbrite*, accessed December 27, 2025, https://www.eventbrite.com/e/postponed-un75-and-beijing25-2020-a-defining-year-for-multilateralism-and-gender-interactive-tickets-80563986051.

[227] Religions for Peace Australia, "*7th Annual Symposium on the Role of Religion and Faith-based Organizations in International Affairs*," *Religions for Peace Australia*, January 20, 2021, accessed December 27, 2025, https://religionsforpeaceaustralia.org.au/?p=12230.

[228] World Council of Churches, "*Symposium on Role of Religion and Faith-Based Organizations in International Affairs Will Push to Combat Racism*," *World Council of Churches — News*, January 19, 2022, accessed December 27, 2025, https://oikoumene.org/news/symposium-on-role-of-religion-and-faith-based-organizations-in-international-affairs-will-push-to-combat-racism.

[229] International Association for Religious Freedom, "9th Annual UN Symposium on the Role of Religion and Faith-Based Organizations in International Affairs," *IARF — News & Events*, April 10, 2023, accessed December 27, 2025, https://iarf.net/9th-annual-un-symposium-on-the-role-of-religion-and-faith-based-organizations-in-international-affairs.

[230] Tabitha Osindo, "Human Rights and Dignity," *AdventistLiberty.org*, January 31, 2024, accessed December 27, 2025, https://www.adventistliberty.org/human-rights-and-dignity.

[231] "I.M.A.M. Participates in 11th Annual UN Symposium on Religion and International Affairs," April 3, 2025, accessed December 31, 2025, https://imam-us.org/i-m-a-m-participates-in-11th-annual-un-symposium-on-religion-and-international-affairs.

behalf of the Seventh-day Adventist Church at the 11th annual symposium, *The Role of Religion and Faith Based Organizations in International Affairs* (once again co-funded by the GC) said, "Think to humanity and what we are able to do together. May it continue so that we can heal our societies and heal ourselves."[232]

- Elder's Digest Article ties achieving good mental health to adhering to the UN Sustainable Development Goals.[233]
- The Director of Adventist Volunteers reported in 2025 that its training modules also include training on sustainable development.[234]

ADRA Activities, Articles and General Reports

- In September 2015, ADRA released an article where they stated, "ADRA is preparing to support the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals around the world when they launch later this month."[235]
- Another article released by ADRA in September 2015 said, "As the United Nations gathers this week to launch the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for the next 15 years, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) affirms its commitment to our

[232] World Council of Churches, "The Future Is Upon Us: Faith & Civil Society in Global Solutions | 11th Annual Symposium," YouTube video, 4:19:16, April 9, 2025, 1:22:29, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p0Z_2rrdscY.
[233] Katia Reinert, "Building Resilience in Youth — Healthy Tips for Elders," *Elders Digest* (April/June 2020): 14, accessed December 9, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/ED/ED20200401-V26-02.pdf.
[234] Elbert Kuhn, "Adventist Volunteer Service Report," in *General Conference Session Bulletin 4*, ed. by Adventist Review, 2025, 14–17, accessed December 10, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/GCSessionBulletins/GCB2025-04.pdf.
[235] ADRA. "ADRA Joins United Nations in Sustainable Development Goals." ADRA, September 23, 2015. Accessed December 7, 2015, https://adra.org/adra-joins-un-in-global-goals.

partnership with the United Nations and the new Global Goals for 2030."[236]

- In *ADRA's Annual Report for 2016*, it said, "The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a global call to action to create the future we want by ending poverty and inequality, protecting the planet, and promoting peace"[237] (emphasis supplied).
- In 2018, ADRA was part of the *Faith Advisory Council Members for the UN Interagency Task Force on Engaging faith-based actors for Sustainable Development: Engaging with Religion and Faith-based Actors on Agenda 2030 / The SDGs.* The president of ADRA was a signatory to a letter from the *Faith Advisory Council*, serving as the Council's Vice Chair. The letter said, "We offer our collective wisdom, presence, and experiences, such that we may uphold and advance, together, the values, principles and commitments to human rights, peace and security and sustainable development, as agreed to by the Member States of the United Nations… We do so with a determination to continue to work together to serve, to amplify and uplift faith-inspired civil society advocacy and partnerships for the SDGs".[238]
- In response to the *COP26 Climate Change Summit*, "ADRA in the United Kingdom and ADRA's Africa Regional Office joined forces with the Scottish Adventist Mission to initiate a year-long environmental stewardship initiative pilot known as *ASAP* to tackle the effects of climate change strategically and practically while raising awareness

[236] ADRA International, "ADRA Remains Committed to the Sustainable Development Goals," September 25, 2015, accessed October 12, 2025, https://adra.org/adra-commits-to-sustainable-development-goals.
[237] Adventist Development and Relief Agency, *2016 Annual Report* (Silver Spring, MD: ADRA, 2016), 4, accessed December 9, 2025, https://adra.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/2016-ADRA-Annual-Report.pdf.
[238] *Annual Report of the United Nations Interagency Task Force on Engaging Faith-Based Actors for Sustainable Development*, 2018, accessed December 9, 2025, https://jliflc.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/UNIATF2018.pdf.

of its effects and the responsibility among individuals." Its specific goal was to reduce the carbon footprint of the Church and its members nationwide.[239]

- As reported in *Adventist World*, the president of ADRA said, "If global society is serious about reaching sustainable development goals before 2030, then religious leaders are among those who are going to bring about the desired change."
- The 2022 ADRA statistical reports identify that ADRA was funding eight climate change projects.[240]

ADRA Quadrennial Reports to the UN

- Although in its 2001 *Quadrennial Report*, ADRA falsely claimed, "ADRA is not affiliated with any non-governmental organization already in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations,"[241] it remains the humanitarian arm of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.[242] Moreover, it stated that it "aims to achieve positive change through a portfolio of sustainable development and relief activities which are planned and implemented cooperatively." It also reported that it had a representation at the "Earth Summit, 23–27 June 1997" and has "assigned local personnel at the headquarters of all of the economic commissions"

[239] Kimi-Roux James, "Environmental Stewardship, ADRA's Response to UN's Climate Change Summit: Humanitarian Agency's Experts Shared Lessons and Suggestions at the COP26 in Glasgow," *Inter-European Division News*, November 26, 2021, accessed December 10, 2025, https://news.eud.adventist.org/all-news/environmental-stewardship-adras-response-to-uns-climate-change-summit.
[240] Seventh-day Adventist Church, *2022 Annual Statistical Report: New Series*, vol. 4, 14, *Report of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists 2021 Statistics* (Silver Spring, MD: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 2022), accessed December 7, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Statistics/ASR/ASR2022.pdf.
[241] Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), report cited in United Nations Economic and Social Council, *E/C.2/2001/2/Add.16*, 2, accessed December 7, 2025, https://docs.un.org/en/E/C.2/2001/2/Add.16.
[242] Adventist Development and Relief Agency, "About ADRA," accessed December 7, 2025, https://adra.org/about-adra.

which ensure sustainable development across the world.[243]

- In ADRAs 2014 report, it said, "During the reporting period, multiple Agency offices worldwide published articles for the general public on their websites that focused on the eight targets of the Millennium Development Goals" and "The Agency contributed to the Millennium Development Goals worldwide through its programmes." To demonstrate its adherence to the Sustainable Development Goals, the report says, "It implemented child-survival and immunizations programmes."[244]

IRLA Activities, Articles and General Reports

- The 2020 Report of the UN Liaison Committee states, "United Nations sustainable goals constituted an important area of our work."[245]
- In 2019, the Report of the Secretary General of IRLA, Ganoune Diop, who was also the PARL leader of the GC at the time, states they had delivered a paper at the *G20 Interfaith Summit* entitled, *Moral Foundations for the Sustainable Development Goals: On Dignity, Freedom and Solidarity*.[246]
- In the special edition of the IRLA magazine during COVID, the Secretary General of IRLA (also the PARL director of the GC) wrote, "The General Assembly, on 22 December 2005, by *Resolution 60/209* identified solidarity as one of the fundamental and universal values that should underlie relations between

[243] Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), report cited in United Nations Economic and Social Council, *E/C.2/2001/2/Add.16*, 2–3, accessed December 7, 2025, https://docs.un.org/en/E/C.2/2001/2/Add.16.
[244] Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), "Report," cited in United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), Document E/C.2/2014/2, 8–10, accessed December 7, 2025, https://docs.un.org/en/E/C.2/2014/2.
[245] International Religious Liberty Association, *Report of the UN Liaison Committee,* June 25, 2020, 20, accessed December 12, 2025, https://www.irla.org/report-of-the-un-liaison-irla.pdf.
[246] International Religious Liberty Association, "Recent IRLA Activities," accessed December 7, 2025, https://www.irla.org/recent-irla-activities.

peoples in the twenty-first century, and in that regard decided to proclaim 20 December of each year International Human Solidarity Day. The sustainable development agenda is said to be built on global cooperation and solidarity."[247]

IRLA Quadrennial Reports to the UN

- Both *Quadrennial Reports* talk of initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals.[248],[249]

AIDLR Activities, Articles and General Reports

- The AIDLR was a co-sponsor with the UN for the *2016 Global Summit on Religion, Peace and Security*. The aim of this summit was "to establish an international platform on 'Religion, Peace and Security' in support of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, in particular Goal 16 on the promotion of peaceful and inclusive societies and Goal 17 on the revitalization of the global partnership for sustainable development."[250]
- In 2019, the AIDLR awards ceremony awarded the Director-General of the UN Office at Geneva the International Award of Excellence because, "Under his leadership, pursuing the 2030 Agenda for

[247] Ganoune Diop, "Reflecting on the Measure of Our Humanity: Revisiting the Imperative of Human Solidarity," in *Special Edition on Covid-19 and Religious Liberty* (International Religious Liberty Association, 2021), 55-64, on 56 (9 of pdf), accessed December 7, 2025, https://www.irla.org/2021.pdf.
[248] International Religious Liberty Association, report cited in United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), *E/C.2/2012/2/Add.12*, 19–20, accessed December 7, 2025. https://docs.un.org/en/E/C.2/2012/2/Add.12.
[249] International Religious Liberty Association. Report cited in United Nations Economic and Social Council, *E/C.2/2016/2/Add.16*, 9–10, accessed December 7, 2025, https://docs.un.org/en/E/C.2/2016/2/Add.16.
[250] International Association for the Defence of Religious Liberty, *Concept Note — Global Summit on Religion, Peace and Security*, (Geneva: AIDLR, 2016), accessed December 7, 2025, https://www.aidlr.org/assets/globalsm/conceptnote.pdf.

Sustainable Development Goals has become a priority for the United Nations Office at Geneva."[251]

AIDLR Quadrennial Reports to the UN

- In its 2012 *Quadrennial Report*, the AIDRL reported under "Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals" the following: "The programme of the organization promotes and facilitates intercultural dialogue and understanding, which is a condition for further developments."[252]
- In its 2016 report, the AIDRL continued to seek to demonstrate its alignment with the Millennium Development Goals.[253]

Other SDA Administrative and Educational Facilities

- BUC Director for Health, Adventist Community Services & Women's Ministries, wrote a five-part series on Environmental Health, citing much of the UN philosophy and ideas behind environmental sustainability.[254]
- Union College's *International Rescue and Relief Program* provides 12 weeks of training to students who wish to be involved. The aim of the training program, "Is to mesh service with sustainable development."[255]

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[251] International Association for the Defence of Religious Liberty, "AIDLR 2019 Awards," accessed December 7, 2025, https://www.aidlr.org/gsiiawards.php.
[252] International Association for the Defence of Religious Liberty, report cited in United Nations Economic and Social Council, *E/C.2/2012/2/Add.11*, 2012, 9–10, accessed December 7, 2025, https://docs.un.org/en/E/C.2/2012/2/Add.11.
[253] International Association for the Defence of Religious Liberty, report cited in United Nations Economic and Social Council, *E/C.2/2016/2/Add.12*, 2016, 15–16, accessed December 7, 2025, https://docs.un.org/en/E/C.2/2016/2/Add.12.
[254] Sharon Platt-McDonald, "Environmental Health – Part 5: Eco-friendly Tips for a Safer Environment," *Messenger* (Journal of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the United Kingdom and Ireland), May 26, 2023, 14, accessed December 10, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/BAM/BAM20230526-V128-05.pdf.
[255] Sandra Blackmer, "A Saga of Mission: Union College — Nearly 130 Years Preparing Students to Serve Their Community and the World," *Adventist Review*, July 1, 2018, 19–23, on 22, accessed December 10, 2025,

- A Seventh-day Adventist-run theme park, “Zionland”, near São Paulo in Brazil, seeks to teach its visitors about sustainable development.[256]

https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/RH/RH20180701-V195-07.pdf.

[256] Fun for Everyone,” *Adventist Record*, May 6, 2017, 7, accessed December 10, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/AAR/AAR20170506-V122-09.pdf.

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Unity & Universalism

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you."[257]

SDAs believe in Biblical unity in Christ.

Summary: Seventh-day Adventists affirm that unity and salvation exist only in Christ, rejecting UN philosophies of universalism and human solidarity apart from faith in Him.

The scriptural "great controversy" worldview, held by faithful Bible-believing Seventh-day Adventists, upholds the following beliefs:

- Humanity is inherently fallen and separated from God, possessing no innate goodness (or good will) apart from grace given when in unity with Jesus Christ alone.[258]

[257] 2 Corinthians 6:14–17.
[258] Romans 7:18; Ephesians 2:8, James 1:17 *Fundamental Belief 7: The Nature of Humanity.* "In Christ we are a new creation; the image of God is restored in us."

- The world exists in moral conflict between good and evil,[259] and reconciliation between persons or between people and God is obtained solely through the merits of Jesus Christ.[260]
- Salvation is a personal experience, received by those who accept the conviction of the Holy Spirit.[261] We accept the conviction of the Holy Spirit and receive the fruits of the Spirit (including those that lead to unity among people) *only* when we demonstrate a willingness to obey God's word.[262]
- The mission of the Church is to proclaim the everlasting gospel and the Three Angels' Messages, calling all peoples, whether of Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, heretical or apostate Christian, pagan, animistic, indigenous (etc.) religion, to separate from error and join themselves to truth.[263]
- From the time of the fall of man, the Bible has described two families — one that walks with and obeys God, and the other that goes against God.[264] God has always called His people to come out and be

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See General Conference Ministerial Association, *Seventh-day Adventists Believe: A Biblical Exposition of Fundamental Doctrines*, 2nd ed. (Nampa, ID: Review and Herald Publishing Association, 2018). For summary statements on the Biblical understanding of scripture held by Seventh-day Adventists (Fundamental Beliefs), see "What We Believe," Seventh-day Adventist Church Australia, accessed October 12, 2025, https://adventist.org.au/statements-of-belief.

[259] Genesis 3–4; John 16:33. *Fundamental Belief 8: The Great Controversy.* Scripture reveals an ongoing conflict "between Christ and Satan," showing that evil is real and persistent. See *Seventh-day Adventists Believe* and "What We Believe" (above footnote).

[260] Ephesians 2: 1–20. *Fundamental Belief 9: The Life, Death, and Resurrection of Christ.* Christ's sacrifice provides the only means of reconciliation with God. See *Seventh-day Adventists Believe* and "What We Believe" (above footnote).

[261] Johnn 16:4–13. *Fundamental Belief 10: The Experience of Salvation.* Salvation is the personal experience of those who respond to the Holy Spirit. See *Seventh-day Adventists Believe* and "What We Believe" (above footnote).

[262] Acts 5:32; Galatians 5:22–25; Ephesians 5:1–11.

[263] Revelation 14:6–13. *Fundamental Belief 13: The Remnant and Its Mission.* The Church is called to proclaim "the everlasting gospel" and to warn all peoples to come out of error. See *Seventh-day Adventists Believe* and "What We Believe" (above footnote).

[264] Genesis 4.

separate from those people who do not wish to be fully united with Him.[265]

- True unity is found first in Jesus Christ of the Bible, who alone can create unity between brethren.[266] Any attempt at human solidarity to save ourselves or create a name for ourselves invariable leads to wickedness and is met with judgment from God.[267]

Why is belief in true Biblical unity essential?

Humanity is naturally at war with God,[268] and naturally desirous of unity with evil.[269] This natural tendency towards evil that lies in the heart of man was acquired through uniting the human mind with Satan's.[270] Such a union with the mind of the enemy of Jesus creates in the human heart a love for lies, pride, strife, adultery, murder, lovelessness, and lack of mercy, among other things.[271] Under such conditions, cooperation between unconverted people will never lead to true unity. It may give a semblance of unity for a time, but shortly thereafter, there will be war and division.[272]

Jesus came to bring division, or separation, between the people who love and serve God and the people who reject Him, even though they may profess to follow God.[273] Only those who are fully united with Jesus Christ, through the working of the Holy Spirit, placing His Word in their hearts, can manifest the fruits of the Spirit, which include love, joy and peace.[274] When we have the Spirit of Jesus in us, we have a heart of flesh that is

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[265] Genesis 12:1; Exodus 3:8; Number 23:9; Jeremiah 12:14–15; Revelation 18:4.
[266] 1 Corinthians 12:12–27; Ephesians 2:13–14. *Fundamental Belief 14: Unity in the Body of Christ.* True unity exists only in Christ, who "has broken down every barrier." See *Seventh-day Adventists Believe* and "What We Believe" (above footnote).
[267] Genesis 4:17–24; Genesis 6:1–7; Genesis 11:1–9; Psalms 2:2–12; Revelation 17–19.
[268] Colossians 1:26; Romans 1:30, 5:10, 8:7.
[269] Ephesians 2:2; Romans 1:32.
[270] Genesis 3:1–6; John 8:42–47.
[271] John 8: 44; Romans 1: 28–32; Galatians 5:19–21; 1Timothy 6:4–5.
[272] 1 Thessalonians 5:3.
[273] Matthew 10: 34–39, 25:31–46; Luke 12:51–53.
[274] John 15:4, 7; 1 John 2:14; Galatians 5:22–23; Ephesians 5:9.

truly loving, as opposed to a heart of stone.[275] We can only love one another because we understand the love that was manifested when Christ first loved us.[276] It is only by the work of Jesus Christ, in the heart and mind of man, that any two individuals can be made one.[277]

If we, as Christians, wish to experience true unity with our brethren, we need to be entirely converted. Furthermore, we cannot expect to have unity with all humanity. If we desire unity with the majority of mankind, we will be separated from those who are united with Christ.

UN promotes universalism and the solidarity of mankind.

Summary: The UN defines global peace and stability as attainable only through humanity's collective pursuit of the "common good," requiring nations and individuals to align under its universal framework of solidarity and shared purpose.

- The UN Charter calls Member States to unite their strength in "common interest" and work toward "common ends," establishing global solidarity as the foundation of stability.[278]
- The Universal Declaration of Human Rights reinforces this philosophy by urging a "common understanding" of rights, duties to the community, and conduct consistent with UN purposes.[279]
- The *Millennium Declaration* describes the UN as the "common house of the human family" through which

[275] Ezekiel 36:26.
[276] 1 John 4:12–16, 19.
[277] Ephesians 2:11–22; Philippians 2:1–5; Romans 12:1–5.
[278] United Nations, "Charter of the United Nations" (Preamble & Articles 1, 55, and 74), 1945, accessed October 12, 2025, https://www.un.org/en/about-us/un-charter/full-text.
[279] United Nations, "Universal Declaration of Human Rights" (Articles 1, 29, and concluding clause), 1948, accessed October 12, 2025, https://www.un.org/en/about-us/universal-declaration-of-human-rights.

nations pursue shared goals of peace and development.[280]

- UNESCO's Constitution anchors peace in the "intellectual and moral solidarity of mankind."[281]
- UN *Resolution 75/200 on Human Fraternity* suggests that religious and cultural pluralism is essential to global harmony.[282]
- *Our Common Future* (A/42/427) insists that sustainability demands legal and institutional change to enforce "the common interest."[283]
- The UN attributes "goodwill" to those who actively support its mission, describing them in *Goodwill Ambassadors and Messengers of Peace* as "distinguished individuals, carefully selected from the fields of art, literature, science, entertainment, sports or other fields of public life, who have agreed to help focus worldwide attention on the work of the United Nations."[284]

Collectively, these instruments suggest that a peaceful world order is only achievable through the subordination of

[280] United Nations General Assembly, "United Nations Millennium Declaration," Resolution A/RES/55/2 (VIII. Strengthening the United Nations, Item 32), September 18, 2000, accessed October 12, 2025, https://www.un.org/en/development/desa/population/migration/generalassembly/docs/globalcompact/A_RES_55_2.pdf.
[281] United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), "Constitution," 1945, Introductory Section, accessed October 12, 2025, https://www.unesco.org/en/legal-affairs/constitution.
[282] United Nations General Assembly, *International Day of Human Fraternity* (Resolution A/RES/75/200), December 21, 2020, accessed October 12, 2025, https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/3896456?v=pdf. See the English document at https://undocs.org/en/A/RES/75/200.
[283] World Commission on Environment and Development, "Report of the World Commission on Environment and Development: Our Common Future" (A/42/427), August 4, 1987 (Part I. Common Concerns, Chapter 2. Towards Sustainable Development, II. Equity and the Common Interest), accessed October 12, 2025, https://docs.un.org/en/A/42/427.
[284] United Nations, "Who Are the United Nations Goodwill Ambassadors and Messengers of Peace and How Are They Appointed?" in Ask UN FAQ, n.d., accessed October 12, 2025, https://ask.un.org/faq/14597.

individual and national rights to the common good as defined by the UN.

Why is it essential that the Christian not be in solidarity with the world?

The Bible is clear that global human solidarity is not possible.[285] The majority of the world will not agree with the Bible or God, and this will lead to their death. However, God tells us to choose His path, found in Scripture, that alone will lead to life.[286]

All that is in this world that man has created, including institutions, technologies, and policies, will pass away.[287] We, as Christians, cannot trust in the arm of flesh.[288] Uniting with those who have no love for God and disagree with the Bible divorces us from God's grace and blessings.[289]

The final warning and call to all people of the Earth who wish to follow Jesus Christ is to "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities."[290] This is a call to come out of the systems of this world that involve a unity of spiritual ideologies,[291] political entities, and the great men and merchants of the Earth.[292]

Throughout the Bible, God uses the concept of becoming 'one-flesh' in the marriage between a husband and wife to illustrate the intimate relationship He wants with those who profess to follow Him.[293] A careful study of this concept reveals that it is

[285] Amos 3:3; Matthew 6:24; 2 Corinthians 6:15.
[286] Matthew 7:13–14; Psalm 16:11; Isaiah 8:20; Revelation 20:7–15, 22:14.
[287] 1 Corinthians 7:21; 1 John 2:17; Revelation 14:8–11, 19–20; Revelation 18:2, 21.
[288] Psalm 146:3; Jeremiah 17:5–9.
[289] Joshua 24:20; Judges 2:2–3, 11–15; Psalm 106:28–29; Isaiah 30:1–3; Jeremiah 30:12–14.
[290] Revelation 18:4–5.
[291] Revelation 16:13–14.
[292] Revelation 16:14, 17:2, 18:3, 18:23; 2 Corinthians 6:17.
[293] Ephesians 5:22–32; Isaiah 54:5; Hosea 2:19–20.

about developing a mind, spirit, and purpose that are in harmony with Jesus Christ.[294]

It is this type of intimate relationship that God refers to when it is declared at the end of time,

> *"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb."*[295]

As God is a jealous God, He does not wish to share the relationship that He has with His people with any entity or person that is not also in agreement with Him.[296]

Unfortunately, the Biblical view outlined above will not be embraced by the world. As one author wrote,

> "*Through his various agents, Satan has advanced the idea that a new and more exalted system of truth has supplanted the Holy Scriptures. His deluded followers accept his lie that those who cling to Bible teachings are narrow-minded bigots who block the progress of universal peace and brotherhood. They feel that these Bible zealots must give up their antiquated notions or die. But Christ, the Word of God (Rev. 19:13), appears to vindicate His faithful people."*[297]

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[294] Romans 12:2; Ephesians 4:22–24; Philippians 2:5; 1 Peter 1:13–16.
[295] Revelation 19:7–9.
[296] Amos 3:3; Exodus 34:14–16; 2 Corinthians 11:2–4.
[297] Brian Jones, "Adult Sabbath School Lessons: The Three Angels Messages, Last Call for Heaven," *Adult Sabbath School Lessons Quarterly*, October-December 1994, accessed December 9, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/SSQ/SS19941001-04.pdf.

GC and affiliated entities endorse brotherhood and universalism.

Summary: Through Official Statements, the GC promotes a universalist view of humanity, emphasizing solidarity, brotherhood, and global unity rather than distinct biblical separation.

Official Beliefs of the SDA Church

- In 1980, the GC in session voted into the Official Beliefs, *Official Belief 17 Spiritual Gifts*: "God bestows upon all members of His church in every age spiritual gifts that each member is to employ in loving ministry for the common good of the church and of humanity."[298] The use of the phrase 'common good' invokes the concept that there is a universally accepted 'good' common to all humanity. Defining a universal or 'common' good is not possible in this multi-faith world.[299]

GC Official Statements

- *Christian Principles for Genetic Interventions* subjects individual freedom to "due consideration for the common good."[300]
- *One Humanity* teaches that all people, being descendants of Adam and Eve, form a single family, blurring distinctions based on faith.[301]

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[298] *General Conference Session Bulletin*, September 1980, 25, accessed December 11, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/GCSessionBulletins/GCB1980-09.pdf.
"Seventh-day Adventist Beliefs: Freedom, Justice, and Mercy," *Seventh-day Adventist Church*, accessed December 11, 2025, https://adventist.org/beliefs#belief-17.

[299] 1 Corinthians 1:18, 23; Mark 15:6–15; John 5:1–18; Acts 7:54–57; Acts 9:22–23.

[300] General Conference Administrative Committee, "Christian Principles for Genetic Interventions," June 13, 1995, accessed October 7, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/documents/christian-principles-for-genetic-interventions.

[301] General Conference Administrative Committee, "One Humanity: A Human Relations Statement Addressing Racism, Casteism, Tribalism, and Ethnocentrism,"

- *Freedom of Speech and Defamation of Religion* places limits on speech that may offend those of other faiths.[302] By also affirming the UN *Declaration of Human Rights* in this same statement, it provides an opportunity for governments to implement legislation against speech that the United Nations deems harmful. Whilst we are to be "as harmless as doves,"[303] the religion of the Bible will always offend those who do not wish to submit to its truth.[304] Regardless of the offence caused, Jesus Christ commissioned all Christians to go into all the world and share the Bible.[305]
- *Commitment to Health and Healing* was written in conjunction with the World Health Organizations and promotes the notion of being in solidarity with any organization that upholds the same principles of evidence-based health care.[306]
- In the *50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights* statement, the GC affirms the Declaration as arising from "the best and highest part

September 15, 2020, accessed October 7, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/one-humanity-a-human-relations-statement-addressing-racism-casteism-tribalism-and-ethnocentrism.

[302] General Conference Executive Committee, "Freedom of Speech and Defamation of Religion," June 24, 2010, accessed October 7, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/freedom-of-speech-and-defamation-of-religion.

[303] Matthew 10:16.

[304] 1 Corinthians 1:18, 23; Mark 15:6–15; John 5:1–18; Acts 7:54–57; Acts 9:22–23.

[305] Matthew 28:19–20.

[306] General Conference Executive Committee, "Commitment to Health and Healing," October 14, 2009, accessed October 7, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/commitment-to-health-and-healing. This statement says, "the Church seeks to represent the mission of Jesus Christ in such a way as to be:" "Seen at all times as a trusted, transparent ally of organizations with compatible goals and vision," which includes the World Health Organization (WHO). At the end of the statement it says, "This statement follows the deliberations and recommendations of the Global Conference on Health and Lifestyle held in Geneva July 2009 in collaboration with the World Health Organization, and calls for cooperation with similar credible bodies aiming to improve global health."

of the human heart."[307] This claim was made despite Article 29's claim that rights exist only within the community and are subject to UN purposes and principles, which is against true Biblical liberty of conscience. Moreover, Jeremiah 17:9 says, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked."

- The *Peace* statement calls believers to pursue "worldwide justice and peace under Christ as the head of a new humanity."[308] Jesus Christ is the head of the Church only.[309] The Church consists of those who have been called out of the world.[310] Therefore, Jesus will never be the head of 'humanity,' as the majority of the people in this world do not belong to the Church.
- *Peace Message to All People of Good Will* invites cooperation and "brotherhood" among all people of "good will," without differentiating between those people whose beliefs may oppose Scripture and faith in Jesus Christ.[311]

[307] General Conference Administrative Committee, "50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights," November 17, 1998, accessed October 7, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/50th-anniversary-of-the-universal-declaration-of-human-rights. This statement says, "Coming from the best and highest part of the human heart, the Universal Declaration is a fundamental document standing firmly for human dignity, liberty, equality, and non-discrimination of minorities." The UDHR talks of being part of a universal brotherhood (Article 1) and in Article 29.1 it talks of needing a community to reach your full potential and in 29.3 it says that all rights are removed if they are contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations.
[308] Neal C. Wilson, "Peace," June 27, 1985, accessed October 7, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/peace. This statement says, "Seventh-day Adventists desire to be known as peacemakers and work for worldwide justice and peace under Christ as the head of a new humanity" suggesting that there is one human family that Jesus Christ is the head of.
[309] Ephesians 5:21; Colossians 1:3, 18.
[310] The Greek word translated as church in the New Testament means an assembly of people "called out."
[311] General Conference Session, "Peace Message to All People of Good Will," April 1, 1980, accessed October 7, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/peace-message-to-all-people-of-good-will.

GC Activities, Articles and Reports

- In the late 1970s, Dr Beach met the Pope and "gave him a medallion of the GC."[312]
- In 1980, the Adventist Servicemen and Laymen Industries (ASI) organization invited the Secretary General of the UN, Robert Muller, to their annual meeting, where he was called the "Prophet of Hope" by the GC President.[313] Robert Muller promoted the concept of, "A new spiritual ideology that will bind the human race."[314]
- E.E. Cleveland, associate ministerial secretary of the GC, wrote, "The religion of Jesus Christ teaches the principle of universal brotherhood. The Bible records that all humanity had a common origin.[315] Therefore, all men, black, white, red and yellow, are 'chips' off of the same block. At the Tower of Babel, humanity was divided by the simple expedient of 'the confusion of tongues.' The Bible cites this alone as the basis for the division of mankind."[316] This is biblically incorrect, as there was division between Cain and Abel, and between the sons of Seth and the sons of Cain, and between those who chose to get on Noah's Ark and those who didn't,[317] long before there were multiple

[312] *Adventist Review*, vol, 178, no. 45, November 8, 2001, accessed December 27, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/RH/RH20011108-V178-45.pdf.
[313] Neal C. Wilson, "Cooperation and Interaction," *Adventist Review*, March 5, 1981, 3, accessed December 11, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/RH/RH19810305-V158-10.pdf.
[314] Robert Muller, *New Genesis: Shaping a Global Spirituality* (Garden City, NY: Doubleday, 1982), accessed via *Internet Archive*, https://archive.org/details/newgenesisshapin00mull/page/n7/mode/2up.
[315] Genesis 3:20; Acts 17:26.
[316] E. E. Cleveland, "Cleveland's Commentary: 'Together — We Stand,'" *Regional Voice* (North American Regional Voice), August 1981, vol. 3, no. 8, 4, accessed December 10, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/RV/RV19810801-V03-08.pdf.
[317] Genesis 7

languages. The division was based on whether a person wanted to follow God or their own ways.

- At the October 2004 GC *Annual Council*, the Director of the GC PARL department said, "We have developed a great network of relations and increased our presence in the United Nations, the United States Capitol, the government, and among religious leaders. The network of friends we have built has been very helpful in solving problems for the Church."[318]
- On the Adventistliberty.org website, under What we do, it says, "The PARL Department has the task of representing the world church to other religious bodies. This includes representation at the *Conference of Secretaries of the Christian World Communions* and at other inter-church and inter-faith meetings. The PARL Director, Dr Ganoune Diop, is also the Secretary of the *General Conference Council for Inter-church and Inter-faith relations* and is responsible for the logistics of dialogues or conversations with other churches or faiths, and meetings with religious leaders."[319]
- At the 2022 GC Executive Committee meeting, it was stated in the PARL report, "One can only hope that people of goodwill and human solidarity from all world faiths and beliefs would partner to promote life, peace, and justice for all."[320]

[318] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *General Conference Committee Minutes, October 2004 (AC)* (Silver Spring, MD: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 2004), 04-364, accessed December 17, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC2004-10AC.pdf.
[319] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *AdventistLiberty.org*, "*What We Do (Public Affairs and Religious Liberty – PARL)*," accessed December 27, 2025, https://www.adventistliberty.org/more-about-parl.
[320] Ganoune Diop, *The Pivotal Position of Freedom of Religion or Belief: A Human Right, Essential to a Peaceful and Humane World*, presented to the Annual Council, 2022, accessed December 10, 2025, https://executivecommittee.adventist.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/116.-22-Annual-Council-Ganoune-Diop-_-The-Pivotal-Position-of-Freedom-of-Religion-or-Belief-.pdf.

- The West-Central Africa Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church chose 21 December 2024 as a *Human Solidarity Day* as an activity of the department of PARL.[321]
- The GC of the Seventh-day Adventist Church was one of the founding members of the multi-faith (including non-Christian and secular) ecumenical symposium on *The Role of Religion and Faith-Based Organizations in International Affairs*.[322] It was developed after the Seventh-day Adventist Church and other founding members established a strong partnership with the *UN Interagency Task Force on Religion and Sustainable Development*.[323] The document on the IRLA website recounting the history of the symposium says,

  > "Faith-based partners came together to launch an annual symposium around the intersections of religion and international affairs, intentionally including the participation of UN member states and UN System entities. From the second symposium (2016), partnership with the UN Interagency Task Force on Religion and Sustainable Development was instituted with the intention of organizing an annual policy dialogue between the UN System, member states, faith

[321] *est-Central Africa Division Reach the World: Chosen for Mission Year-End Council Program and Agenda*. West-Central Africa Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, accessed December 10, 2025, https://wad.adventist.org/uploaded_assets/10905-2023WAD_2023_Year-End_Council-Agenda__Program_Booklet_Bookmarked_2023.pdf?thumbnail=original&1698590567.

[322] International Religious Liberty Association (IRLA), *Concept Note — Ninth Annual Symposium on the Role of Religion and Faith-Based Organizations in International Affairs*, January 24, 2023, 4, accessed December 9, 2025, https://www.irla.org/assets/public/files/2023-01/Ninth_Symposium_Program_1.pdf.

[323] "11th Annual Symposium on the Role of Religion and Faith-Based Organizations in International Affairs: 'The Future Is Upon Us: What Now? Amplifying the Role of Faith and Civil Society Actors in Multilateral Solutions'," World Council of Churches (WCC), April 3, 2025, accessed December 9, 2025, https://oikoumene.org/events/11th-annual-symposium-on-the-role-of-religion-and-faith-based-organizations-in-international-affairs.

> actors and wider civil society on critical issues of the day."[324]

UNAOC has subsequently endorsed the symposium[325] and co-sponsored by the UN[326] as fulfilling its objectives.

- In 2025, the GC PARL director, when speaking at the 11th annual symposium on *The Role of Religion and Faith-Based Organizations in International Affairs* on behalf of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, said that the injustices of our world are a result of "Relinquishing of one's human solidarity."[327]
- The PARL director wrote an article in the COVID-19 special edition of the Religious Liberty magazine *Fides et Libertas* in 2022.[328] His article focused on the need for human solidarity. He wrote,

> "Human solidarity has deep roots. It is motivated by a shared identity, a shared humanity and actuality a shared destiny;"

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[324] International Religious Liberty Association (IRLA), *Concept Note — Ninth Annual Symposium on the Role of Religion and Faith-Based Organizations in International Affairs*, January 24, 2023, 5, accessed December 9, 2025, https://www.irla.org/assets/public/files/2023-01/Ninth_Symposium_Program_1.pdf.

[325] "You Searched for Adventist | United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC)." 2024. United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC). 2024. https://www.unaoc.org/?s=adventist.

[326] 11th Annual Symposium on the Role of Religion and Faith-Based Organizations in International Affairs: 'The Future Is Upon Us: What Now? Amplifying the Role of Faith and Civil Society Actors in Multilateral Solutions'," World Council of Churches (WCC), April 3, 2025, accessed December 9, 2025, https://www.undp.org/prevent-violent-extremism/news/undp-co-sponsors-ninth-annual-symposium-role-religion-and-faith-based-organizations-international-affairs.

[327] World Council of Churches, "The Future Is Upon Us: Faith & Civil Society in Global Solutions | 11th Annual Symposium," YouTube video, 4:19:16, April 9, 2025, 1:21:05, accessed December 11, 2025, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p0Z_2rrdscY.

[328] Ganoune Diop, "Reflecting on the Measure of Our Humanity: Revisiting the Imperative of Human Solidarity," *Special Edition on COVID-19 and Religious Liberty*, Fides et Libertas, 55–64, accessed December 11, 2025, https://www.irla.org/2021.pdf.

> "It is part of a deep mysterious belonging to the realm of the spiritual, an irreducible spiritual dimension which escapes definitions and confinements;"
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> "Integrating a sense of solidarity with all the human family is the only way forward to recovering a sense of the human-based on human dignity, and a shared human identity and destiny."

SDA Religious Liberty Organizations Activities, Articles and Reports

- According to the *Quadrennial Report* of 1999, the AIDLR "Secretary-General and representatives of the Association had frequent meetings with political and religious authorities and human rights organizations in several countries (Algeria, Angola, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, the Holy See, Hungary, Italy, Malta, Morocco, Mozambique, Portugal, Romania, the Russian Federation, Slovakia, Spain) to promote freedom of thought, belief and religion within the framework of the international law of the United Nations."[329]
- Dr. Liviu Olteanu, who was simultaneously the PARL director for the European Division between 2011 and 2021 and the Secretary General of AIDLR[330] wrote a letter to the Secretary General of the UN in 2014 on behalf of AIDLR. He quoted the UN Secretary General's own words, which said, "Regardless of religious tradition, we have a common faith: A faith in

[329] *Quadrennial Report of the International Religious Liberty Association*, E/C.2/1999/2/Add.18, Economic and Social Council, United Nations, 1999, accessed December 11, 2025, https://docs.un.org/en/E/C.2/1999/2/Add.18.
[330] Ambassadors 4 Dignity and Freedom Foundation "Founder & President / CEO," accessed December 9, 2025, https://www.ambassadors4dignity.org/president.

our shared future. Let us harness our common humanity and make a better world."[331]

ADRA Activities, Articles and Reports

- As a member of the *Faith Advisory Council*, ADRA endorsed a statement by the Interagency Taskforce on COVID-19. [332] This statement included the following sentences/passages:

  "Unity, solidarity, international cooperation and global coordinated action, as called for by the United Nations Secretary-General, are essential to address the pandemic."

  "Solidarity and compassion should be promoted both within and between communities of faith."

  "The IATF, therefore, calls upon all relevant stakeholders to address all implications of this crisis through a whole-of-society, human-centred approach that prioritizes health safety, the right to access health services, social protection and cohesion."

  "Multi-Faith Advisory Council (MFAC) and calls upon its members to remain strongly engaged with their respective constituencies to assist them in preparing for and responding to the current crisis, including by disseminating science-based information, facts, and evidence in accordance with UN policies and frameworks, and in

[331] Liviu Olteanu, International Association for the Defense of Religious Liberty — Correspondence with General Secretary of the United Nations (2014)," Item S-1959-0172-0003-00026, United Nations Archives, accessed December 9, 2025, https://search.archives.un.org/uploads/r/united-nations-archives/0/8/8/088a25b0d216db63f78827eaf3b941fa7b90dd470c2093baaed45461825d70a6/S-1959-0172-0003-00026.pdf.

[332] UNAOC "Joint Statement by United Nations Interagency Task Force on Religion and Sustainable Development with the Endorsement of the IATF Multi-Faith Advisory Council," 20 April 2020, accessed December 9, 2025, https://www.unaoc.org/wp-content/uploads/Joint-UN-Interagency-Task-Force-on-Religion-and-Sustainable-Development-Statement-COVID-19-with-endorsement-of-the-MFAC-2020-04-20.pdf.

particular with the guidance of the World Health Organization on COVID-19."

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Health Message & Drugs

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."[333]

SDAs believe in an inspired health reform message.

Summary: Seventh-day Adventists believe the body is God's temple and true healing comes from Him.

- The Bible teaches that the human body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and that God is the ultimate Healer.[334]
- Bible-believing Christians are called to honor God through obedience to the eight natural laws of health, grounded in the principles revealed in the Scripture and demonstrated in the healing ministry of Christ.[335]
- While sickness and death are part of the fallen condition, supernatural restoration is available through God's power. It will be fully realized at the resurrection at the second coming, when disease and death will be no more.[336]

[333] 3 John 1:2.
[334] Corinthians 6:19; Exodus 15:26. *Fundamental Belief 22: Christian Behaviour*; *Fundamental Belief 9: The Life, Death, and Resurrection of Christ.* See General Conference Ministerial Association, *Seventh-day Adventists Believe: A Biblical Exposition of Fundamental Doctrines*, 2nd ed. (Nampa, ID: Review and Herald Publishing Association, 2018). For summary statements on the Biblical understanding of scripture held by Seventh-day Adventists (Fundamental Beliefs), see "What We Believe," Seventh-day Adventist Church Australia, accessed October 12, 2025, https://adventist.org.au/statements-of-belief.
[335] Genesis 1:29; Leviticus 10:9–10; John 8:11 *Fundamental Belief 22: Christian Behaviour.* See *Seventh-day Adventists Believe* and "What We Believe" (above footnote).
[336] 1 Thessalonians 4:16, Revelation 21:4. *Fundamental Belief 26: Death and Resurrection*; *Fundamental Belief 27: The Millennium and the End of Sin.* See *Seventh-day Adventists Believe* and "What We Believe" (above footnote).

- Seventh-day Adventists further hold that Ellen G. White received a divine health reform message. Her writings on health, voted by the world Church to be understood as authoritative,[337] include the following statements:

  > "Drugs never cure disease. They only change the form and location. Nature alone is the effectual restorer."[338]
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  > "Pure air, sunlight, abstemiousness, rest, exercise, proper diet, the use of water, trust in divine power — these are the true remedies."[339]
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  > "When you understand physiology in its truest sense, your drug bills will be very much smaller, and finally you will cease to deal out drugs at all. The physician who depends upon drug medication in his practice, shows that he does not understand the delicate machinery of the human organism. He is introducing into the system a seed that will never lose its destroying properties throughout the lifetime. I tell you this because I

[337] Quoting from Joel 2:28-29, Peter says in Acts 2:17-18, "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy." The Bible clearly teaches that God's final church will have the spirit of prophecy (Revelation 19:10). Ellen White was one of the founding members of the Seventh-day Adventist church, and demonstrated the gift of prophecy. For over a century her writings have been tested against the Bible by many faithful Bible students and many continue to vouch for the authenticity of her inspiration.
[5] Ellen G. White, *Spiritual Gifts*, vol. 4a (Battle Creek, MI: Seventh-day Adventist Publishing Association, 1864), 134, accessed October 12, 2025, https://text.egwwritings.org/read/107.617?query=%22drugs%20never%20cure%22&highlight=1#107.617. *Fundamental Belief 18: The Gift of Prophecy*. See *Seventh-day Adventists Believe* and "What We Believe" (above footnote).
[338] Ellen G. White, *Spiritual Gifts*, vol. 4a, 134, para. 1. Consistent with Exodus 15:26; 2 Chronicles 16:12; Isaiah 38:21; Exodus 15:25; 2 Kings 5.
[339] Ellen G. White, *The Ministry of Healing* (Mountain View, CA: Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1905), 127, para. 2, accessed October 12, 2025, https://text.egwwritings.org/read/135.576?query=%22true%20remedies%22&highlight=1#135.576. Consistent with Job 33:4; Malachi 4:2; 2 Peter 1:5–6; 1 Corinthians 9:25; 2 Peter 1:5–6; Isaiah 30:15; 1 Timothy 4:8; Genesis 1:29, Song of Solomon 4:15; 2 Kings 5:13–14; Proverbs 3:5–8.

dare not withheld it. Christ paid too much for man's redemption to have his body so ruthlessly treated as it has been by drug medication. Years ago the Lord revealed to me that institutions should be established for treating the sick without drugs. Man is God's property, and the ruin that has been made of the living habitation, the suffering caused by the seeds of death sown in the human system are an offense is God."[340]

"Drug medication, as it is generally practised, is a curse. Educate away from drugs, use them less and less, and depend more upon hygienic agencies. Nature will respond to God's remedies, pure air, pure water, proper exercise, and a clear conscience."[341]

"Give up the drugs, believing that Jesus does not desire us to be sick, and that if we live according to the principles of health reform, He will keep us well."[342]

"I had her seated in my easy chair and gave her sips of cholera mixture [a nostrum used for intestinal disorders]—all the stimulus I had in the house."[343]

"As religious aggression subverts the liberties of our nation, those who would stand for freedom of conscience will be placed in unfavorable

[340] Ellen G. White, *Letter 73,* 11LtMs (Silver Spring, MD: Ellen G. White Estate, 1896), para. 57. Consistent with 1 Corinthians 3:17, 6:19–20; Psalm 139:14; Galatians 6:7; 1 Corinthians 5:6; Jeremiah 8:22.
[341] Ellen G. White, *Healthful Living* (Battle Creek, MI: Seventh-day Adventist Publishing Association), 247. Consistent with 2 Chronicles 16:12; Isaiah 31:1; Acts 17:28.
[342] Ellen G. White, *Manuscript Releases*, vol. 19 (Silver Spring, MD: Ellen G. White Estate, 1990), 51, para. 2, accessed October 12, 2025, https://text.egwwritings.org/read/14067.9210059?query=%22give%20up%20the%20drugs%22&highlight=1#14067.9210059. Consistent with Matthew 12:15; 3 John 2; Exodus 15:26; Proverbs 3:7–8; Daniel 1:12–15; Deuteronomy 7:15.
[343] Ellen G. White, *Manuscript Releases*, vol. 8 (Silver Spring, MD: Ellen G. White Estate, 1890), 85, para. 2.

positions. For their own sake, they should, while they have opportunity, become intelligent in regard to disease, its causes, prevention, and cure."[344]

"God is working in behalf of His people. He does not desire them to be without resources. He is bringing them back to the diet originally given to man. Their diet is to consist of the foods made from the materials He has provided. The materials principally used in these foods will be fruits and grains and nuts, but various roots will also be used."[345]

"Again and again I have been shown that God is trying to lead us back, step by step, to His original design—that man should subsist upon the natural products of the Earth. Among those who are waiting for the coming of the Lord, meat eating will eventually be done away; flesh will cease to form a part of their diet. We should ever keep this end in view, and endeavor to work steadily toward it."[346]

"It is no denial of faith to use rational remedies judiciously. Water, air, and sunshine, these are

[344] Ellen G. White, *Special Testimonies Relating to Medical Missionary Work* (Washington, D.C.: Review and Herald Publishing Association, 1893), 4, para. 3. Consistent with Proverbs 4:7, 22:3; Hosea 4:6.
[345] Ellen G. White, *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 7 (Mountain View, CA: Pacific Press, 1902), 125. Consistent with Psalm 84:11; Matthew 6:32; Genesis 1:29, 3:18; Jeremiah 6:16; Revelation 11:1–2; Daniel 1:12–15.
[346] Ellen G. White, *Counsels on Diet and Foods* (Washington, D.C.: Review and Herald, 1938), 380; quoted in *Counsels on Health* (Mountain View, CA: Pacific Press, 1923), 450. The original diet did not include meat (Genesis 1:29) and it was only introduced into the diet after the flood (Genesis 9:3–4). While God gave instructions on clean meats in Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14 it is not an endorsement of meat-eating. In fact, whilst in the wilderness and enroute to the promise land (an example of God's people getting ready for heaven), the Israelites were subject to a deadly disease because of their appetite for meat eating (Numbers 11:4–34). Daniel (a prophet who represents God's end-time people) was blessed because he chose to eat a plant-based diet (Daniel 1:8, 12–15). It is clear that in heaven there is no death (Isaiah 11:6–9; Revelation 21:4). Therefore, there will be no meat-eating in heaven.

> God's healing agents. The use of certain herbs that the Lord has made to grow for the good of man is in harmony with the exercise of faith."[347]
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> Ellen White warned against the use of anything that "has a benumbing influence upon the brain, making it impossible to appreciate eternal things."[348]

- The Bible says that we need to go with the best that we have.[349]
- In light of the above statements, it is clear that Ellen White recognized that the starting point of many individuals may include pharmaceutical management (drugs) of their health. However, the inspiration she received directs the believer to, as much as possible, use them less and less until they are entirely dispensed with, while using God-given natural remedies and lifestyle measures more and more. This move away from the use of drugs or pharmaceuticals requires intelligence and well-informed decision-making and may take time, or may not be entirely achievable in some instances due to insufficient knowledge of suitable alternatives (for example, in acute medical care).
- Any use of medical intervention needs to be by consent and not through mandates.[350] All treatment decisions impact the individual's body and, are a matter of conscience and religious conviction of the

[347] Ellen G. White, *Manuscript 31, 1911*, par. 17, in *Manuscript Releases*, 25 LtMs, (Silver Spring, MD: Ellen G. White Estate). Consistent with Isaiah 38:21; Jeremiah 46:11; Luke 10:33–34; Ezekiel 47:12; Revelation 22:2; Psalm 104:14.
[348] Ellen G. White, *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 1 (Mountain View, CA: Pacific Press, 1948), 549. Consistent with 1 Peter 1:13, 5:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:6–8; 2 Corinthians 10:5; Romans 12:2.
[349] Ecclesiastes 9:10; Romans 12:1; Colossians 3:23.
[350] Deuteronomy 30:9; John 5:6; 1 Peter 5:2–3; Romans 14:5.

individual.[351] Therefore, pharmaceuticals should be a matter of individual choice, not coercion.

Why is a Biblical view of health essential?

The Bible reveals that Jesus, our Creator, healed all manner of diseases in His name and through His health laws, and that He is the greatest healer the world has seen. The disciples likewise brought healing without being taught the medicine of the day. They pointed people to God who forgives sins and brings a peace that passes all understanding.[352] God doesn't just want to help us prosper and be in good health in this life, but for our souls to be restored so that we are fit for the life to come.[353] Who but God our creator and healer can offer eternal life without disease, no more pain or death or sorrow?[354]

A *YouGov Poll* found the primary sources of health information in Australia are: 1. Social media 16%, 2. Friends / Family 34%, 3. Gym/Personal trainer 30%, 4. Health / Wellness companies 31%, 5. Pharmaceutical companies 16%, and 6. Medical practitioners 75%.[355] None of these seeks or gives glory to God, which is our primary goal as Christians.[356]

The Bible indicates there are only two ultimate sources of information — God or Satan.[357] Jesus said, "The thief cometh not, but to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."[358] Yet most people neglect to search the Bible for health information. People neglect to pray when "the prayer of

[351] 1 Corinthians 6:19–20; Romans 14:4,12, 12:1; James 1:5–6, 4:12; Matthew 23:8–10; 1 Corinthians 6:19–20; Mark 10:42–44.
[352] Philippians 4:7.
[353] 3 John 1:2.
[354] Revelation 21:4.
[355] *Friends and family over pharma — Sources consumers rely on for information on health and wellness*, YouGov, April 1, 2024, accessed December 22, 2025, https://yougov.com/articles/49048-friends-and-family-over-pharma-sources-consumers-rely-on-for-information-on-health-and-wellness.
[356] Isaiah 43:7.
[357] John 14:6.
[358] John 10:10.

faith shall save the sick."[359] "Many have exalted science, and lost sight of the God of science."[360]

The word "save" is the Greek word sōzō, which means "heal, preserve, save (self), do well, be (make) whole." Eve was deceived into thinking she could continue to live forever without God.[361] Many today are equally deceived into thinking they can achieve good health without God.

The Bible refers to enchantments, witchcraft, sorcery, or pharmakeia.[362] It is associated with idolatry,[363] false healing,[364] the diet of man-made delicacies,[365] and rebellion.[366] Many Christians think they can eat, drink and live as they please, giving no heed to the principles of health laid out in God's word. When the consequences of these choices come upon them, these Christians will turn to man-made solutions (the pill or potion) for a quick fix rather than repenting of their ways.

Health is not a blend of good and a few bad things, like the yin/yang symbol, but the Bible reveals "that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all"[367] (emphasis supplied). Most healing philosophies (whether western, eastern or complementary) talk of either evolution, man's science, balance with the cosmos, the energy of the universe, but rarely, if ever, make any reference to God. Christians need God's Holy Spirit and prayer to know how to "live, and move and have our being."[368]

Health practitioners may help, but Christians should prayerfully ensure as much as possible that any health advice given is according to the law and the testimony (God's

[359] James 5:15.
[360] Ellen G. White, *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5 (Mountain View, CA: Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1889), 82.
[361] Genesis 3:4.
[362] Exodus 7:11; 2 Kings 9:22; Isaiah 47:9, 12; Nahum 3:4–5; Galatians 5:20; Revelation 9:21; 18:23.
[363] Galatians 5:20.
[364] Deuteronomy 7:15; 2 Kings 1:2–3; Acts 8:9–11.
[365] Daniel 1:5; 1 Kings 18:19; Philippians 3:19.
[366] 1 Samuel 15:23.
[367] 1 John 1:5.
[368] Acts 17:28.

Word).[369] In Mark 5:26, there was a woman who "suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse". That same woman, Jesus healed when she reached out to Him with a hand of faith. He said, "Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague." The Christians faith should be in God and His Word alone.

A five-step Biblical guide to evaluating any health treatment (e.g. Reiki, Chiropractic, Yoga, Live Blood Analysis, homeopathy, medications, vitamins and supplements) is to ask the following questions:

1. Isaiah 43:7 — Does it give glory to God?
2. Isaiah 1:5–6; 1 Thessalonians 5:23 — Does it have a wholistic view of disease and health?
3. Psalm 105:37; Matthew 10:1 — Is there evidence of its true healing power?
4. Isaiah 1:18 — Is it reasoned?
5. Mark 5:26 — Is it sustainable? Or is it too costly, do you become too reliant, or is it not freely available to all?

King Solomon, the wisest man that ever lived, wrote under inspiration his conclusions about life, "Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions."[370] Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, submitted to His will, God can guide us into all truth.[371]

Someone who God gave visions on what constitutes sound health principles, Ellen White, wrote,

> *"God, the Creator of our bodies, has arranged every fiber and nerve and sinew and muscle, and has pledged Himself to keep the machinery in order if the human agent will cooperate with Him and refuse to work*

[369] Isaiah 8:20.
[370] Ecclesiastes 7:29.
[371] John 16:13.

> *contrary to the laws which govern the human system…Satan knows that he cannot overcome man unless he can control his will. He can do this by deceiving men so they will cooperate with him in transgressing the laws of nature, which is transgression of the Law of God."*[372]

She also wrote under inspiration,

> *"There are <u>many</u> ways of practicing the healing art; but there is only <u>one</u> way that Heaven approves. God's remedies are the simple agencies of nature that will not tax or debilitate the system through their powerful properties. Pure air and water, cleanliness, a proper diet, purity of life, and a firm trust in God, are remedies for want of which thousands are dying; yet these remedies are going out of date because their skilled use requires work the people do not appreciate. Fresh air, exercise, pure water, clean sweet premises, are in the reach of all with but little expense; but drugs are expense, both in the outlay of means, and the effect produced on the system."*[373]

Many people can testify that they have been harmed by drugs (including modern miracle drugs and antibiotics as the chief offenders), and, when modern medical science gives up on them, they have been restored by the often-despised lowly herbs and lifestyle treatment. "The endless variety of medicines in the market, the numerous advertisements of NEW drugs and

[372] Ellen G. White, *Healthful Living* (Battle Creek, MI: Medical Missionary Board, 1897), 22–25.
[373] Ellen G. White, *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5 (Mountain View, CA: Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1889), 443.
Ellen G. White, *Counsels on Health* (Mountain View, CA: Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1923), 323.

mixtures, all of which, as they say, do wonderful cures, kill hundreds where they benefit one."[374]

Scientific research collaborates with the Biblical way of living that helped the Israelites have "not one feeble person among their tribes."[375] It is the best treatment for today's chronic diseases. Many diseases are caused by lifestyle and can often be prevented, arrested, or even reversed by a change in lifestyle, bringing the person into harmony with the Biblical laws of health. This is referred to as *lifestyle medicine*.

Diseases such as heart disease, cancer, and diabetes account for 9 in 10 deaths each year in the UK.[376] Infections and viruses do not drive these, but rather poor behavioural choices. In fact, 80% of these diseases can be avoided, arrested, or even reversed[377] through simple lifestyle choices, or what we call Lifestyle Medicine.[378]

It is by grace we are saved and not of works.[379] The things that are best for our health, the Lord supplied in the garden of Eden through no effort of mankind.[380] (This is opposed to the pharmaceutical world, which is based primarily on man's efforts). The Bible outlines clear health principles that can be remembered by the acronym G.R.A.C.E.F.U.L (full of God's grace) as outlined below:

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[374] Ellen G. White, *Disease and Its Causes* (Mountain View, CA: Pacific Press Publishing Association, n.d.), 72–73.
[375] Psalm 105:37.
[376] "Mapped: the global epidemic of 'lifestyle' disease in charts," The Telegraph, March 29, 2018, accessed January 4, 2026, *https://www.telegraph.co.uk/global-health/climate-and-people/mapped-global-epidemic-lifestyle-disease-charts*.
[377] JoAnne E. Epping-Jordan, Gauden Galea, Colin Tukuitonga, and Robert Beaglehole, "Preventing Chronic Diseases: Taking STEPwise Action," *The Lancet* 366, no. 9497 (2005): 1784–1787, accessed December 25, 2025, https://commed.vcu.edu/IntroPH/Chronic%20Diseases/prevchrdis_steps2action.pdf.
[378] Darren Morton et al., "The Complete Health Improvement Program (CHIP): History, Evaluation, and Outcomes," American Journal of Lifestyle Medicine 10, no. 1 (2016): 64–73, accessed December 25, 2025, https://doi.org/10.1177/1559827614531391.
[379] Ephesians 2:8–9.
[380] Genesis 1:1–25; Genesis 2:1–6.

G — God our Lord

The fear and knowledge of God is the beginning of wisdom.[381] "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink… do all to the glory of God."[382] The first thing Adam and Eve would have seen as they opened their eyes was God,[383] and God came to walk with them in the cool of the day.[384] When He is our Lord, we submit to Him in all things, receiving the gift of temperance or true self-control (which is God-control). The Lord helps you to abstain from all that is harmful and consume in moderation that which is healthful.[385] Each day should begin and end with a prayerful time of studying God's Word, so that He may become the Lord of our lives.

The prayer of faith shall save the sick,[386] but "faith without works is dead."[387] Faith is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit[388] that comes as we actively study the word of God, seeking to understand the character, ministry and will of our Lord Jesus Christ for us.[389] The faith of Jesus is a gift of God to the Christian,[390] but if it is not coupled with obedience to God's will, it does not grow.[391] When we do not obey the laws the Lord has plainly set before us, it will lead to disease and ill-health.[392]

Health is more than what people eat or drink, or do with their bodies. It includes how they use their minds and tend to their souls. To be able to do all that is necessary for our whole health, we need to seek the Lord and submit to His

[381] Proverbs 1:7; 9:10; Ecclesiastes 2:26.
[382] 1 Cor. 10:31.
[383] Genesis 2:7.
[384] Genesis 3:8.
[385] Galatians 5:22–23; 1 Corinthians 9:25; Proverbs 23:1–3; 1 Corinthians 6:19–20; Romans 12:1; 1 Peter 5:8; Titus 2:11–12; Proverbs 16:32.
[386] James 5:15.
[387] James 2:17.
[388] Galatians 5:22; 1 Corinthians 12:9.
[389] Romans 10:17; Hebrews 12:2.
[390] Romans 12:3; Romans 3:22; Galatians 2:16, 3:22; Revelation 14:12.
[391] Acts 5:32 John 14:15–17.
[392] Deuteronomy 28:15, 21–22; Psalm 38:3–5; Proverbs 3:7–8; 1 Corinthians 11:29–30.

will. Jesus said, "if you will enter into life, keep the Commandments"[393] (emphasis supplied).

These principles were reiterated by the inspiration received by Ellen White,

> *"Ultimately, the consciousness of right-doing and a mind satisfied in God provide the best medicine for a diseased body or mind. Proverbs 3:7. Matthew 6:33."*[394]

> *"Why do some of our ministering brethren manifest so little interest in health reform? It is because instruction on temperance in all things is opposed to their practice of self-indulgence. In some places this has been the great stumbling block in the way of our bringing the people to investigate and practice and teach health reform. No man should be set apart as a teacher of the people while his own teaching or example contradicts the testimony God has given His servants to bear in regard to diet, for this will bring confusion. His disregard of health reform unfits him to stand as the Lord's messenger."*[395]

> *"All who are partakers of the divine nature will escape the corruption that is in the world through lust. It is impossible for those who indulge the appetite to attain to Christian perfection."*[396]

[393] Matthew 19:17.
[394] Ellen G. White, *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 1 (Mountain View, CA: Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1885), 502, para. 1.
[395] Ellen G. White, *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 6 (Mountain View, CA: Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1901), 378, para. 1.
[396] Ellen G. White, *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 2 (Battle Creek, MI: Seventh-day Adventist Publishing Association, 1870), 399, para. 3.

R — Rest (Sabbath & daily rest)

The first full day that humanity spent on this Earth, after they were made on the sixth day,[397] was the seventh-day Sabbath, the time for worshipping God.[398] Moreover, in Biblical time reckoning, the 24-hour day begins in the evening.[399] Thus, the day always begins with rest. Resting in God is so vital to our health, peace, and salvation that the Lord included it in the Ten Commandments.[400] As Isaiah wrote, "For thus saith the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength..."[401] Each day, the body needs 7–9 hours of sleep, and each week the body needs a 24-hour rest on

the seventh-day Sabbath — the day that the Lord set aside.

A — Air

On the third day, God made the trees that had an inbuilt air-purifying system.[402] Then, when God created man, He breathed His own breath into man's nostrils for him to become a living soul.[403] It is this breath that continues to sustain all our lives.[404] It is imperative that we honor the Lord's graciousness in giving us this breath by living in environments that have clean air and not partaking of substances (such as tobacco) that harm our airways. We should use our God-given breath to praise the Lord.[405]

C — Community & Compassion (service, relationships)

When God formed man, He placed Adam among the animals who were to be his friends. Even so, God told

[397] Genesis 1:26–31.
[398] Genesis 2:1–3; Exodus 20:8–11.
[399] Genesis 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31.
[400] Exodus 20:8–11.
[401] Isaiah 30:15.
[402] Genesis 1:13.
[403] Genesis 2:7.
[404] Job 12:10; 33:4.
[405] Psalm 150:6.

Adam, "It is not good that man should be alone."[406] Jesus shared a principle of life that brings true joy and fulfilment. He said, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."[407] King Solomon said, "The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself."[408] John wrote, "Hereby perceive we the love *of God,* because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren."[409] A Christian committed to helping others, especially for the cause of Jesus Christ, will be abundantly blessed.[410]

E — Eat the Eden diet

When God gave Adam and Eve their Eden diet, it was herbs bearing seed and fruit bearing seeds.[411] This would have included all fruits, nuts, grains, seeds, greens, beans, and many things that we call vegetables today (but are technically fruits). No other food, especially meat or processed foods, was included. Even with those good foods, they were to be under the control of the Lord and be temperate.[412] These will be the food and the medicine that are found in heaven.[413] "God's nature alone possesses curative powers and, if left untrammelled, she will do her work wisely and well."[414]

Daniel and his three friends were living in a time when they had access to the most sumptuous delicacies known to mankind. As many days as he put the Eden diet to the test

[406] Genesis 2:18.
[407] Luke 6:38.
[408] Proverbs 11:25.
[409] 1 John 3:16.
[410] Romans 10:15.
[411] Genesis 1:29.
[412] 1 Corinthians 9:25; Proverbs 25:16.
[413] Revelation 22:2; Revelation 21:8.
[414] Ellen G. White, *Manuscript Releases*, vol. 15 (Silver Spring, MD: Ellen G. White Estate, 1990), 278; also in *Pamphlets*, no. 144 (*Physician, Heal Thyself*), 14, para. 1.

(10 days)[415] was the amount that he was blessed (10 times).[416]

These were the words of inspiration given to Ellen White,

> *"Will our people see and feel the sin of indulging perverted appetite? Will they discard tea, coffee, flesh meats, and all stimulating food, and devote the means expended for these hurtful indulgences to spreading the truth? …Every true Christian will have control of his appetite and passions. Unless he is free from the bondage and slavery of appetite, he cannot be a true, obedient servant of Christ. It is the indulgence of appetite and passion which makes the truth of none effect upon the heart. It is impossible for the spirit and power of the truth to sanctify a man, soul, body, and spirit, when he is controlled by appetite and passion."*[417]

F — Fresh, pure Water

Out of the middle of the Garden of Eden flowed pure, clean water both to drink and bathe in.[418] God will continue to have "a pure river of water of life" flowing in heaven.[419] The body is to be kept clean, and our primary source of hydration is to be pure, clean water. The Christian should not be drinking highly processed beverages (soft drinks and alcohol).[420]

[415] Daniel 1:12, 14–15.
[416] Daniel 1:20.
[417] Ellen G. White, *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 3 (Battle Creek, MI: Seventh-day Adventist Publishing Association, 1875), 569, para. 2–3.
[418] Genesis 2:10.
[419] Revelation 22:1.
[420] Proverbs 20:1; 23:29–31; 31:4–5; Isaiah 5:11; Leviticus 10:9; Ephesians 5:18; 1 Corinthians 6:9–10.

U — Use the Body (exercise & honest work)

Upon waking from his creation, God set Adam to work.[421] He also provided Adam with his regular occupation — gardening.[422] In the ideal environment, mankind was to have a lifestyle of physical activity, tending plants and animals. When man sinned, physical activity and work became even more necessary for the sake of our souls.[423] Work and physical activity are such an essential part of our health and happiness that God included it in the fourth of the Ten Commandments.[424] "If any would not work, neither should he eat."[425]

L — Light (sunshine)

As the world began with God, it also started with Him dispelling the darkness and bringing the light.[426] Physical light and sunshine, in particular, are good for our well-being. King Solomon wrote, "Truly the light *is* sweet, and a pleasant *thing it is* for the eyes to behold the sun."[427] It is important that we receive sufficient daily sunlight to produce vitamin D, which supports the immune system and other hormones necessary for sleep and mood.

Many people who later in life have adopted these lifestyle changes with the help of God's Holy Spirit[428] have experienced significant health improvements. God, who made us, also pledges Himself to restore us if we will let him. Paul wrote,

> *"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of*

[421] Genesis 2:19.
[422] Genesis 2:15.
[423] Genesis 3:17–19.
[424] Exodus 20:2–11.
[425] 2 Thessalonians 3:10.
[426] Genesis 1:3.
[427] Ecclesiastes 11:7.
[428] Ezekiel 36:26–27.

> *our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."*[429]

The Lord, through Jeremiah said,

> *"For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the LORD."*[430]

UN promotes pharmaceuticals as principal means of global health security

Summary: Through binding resolutions and agendas, the UN has determined that pharmaceuticals are the primary instruments for achieving global health security.

- The UN system, through its binding resolutions, health agendas, and specialized agencies—most notably the World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF, and the UN Development Programme (UNDP)—has formally enshrined pharmaceuticals, including vaccines, as the principal means for achieving global health security and sustainable development.[431]
- The WHO *Road Map for Access to Medicines, Vaccines and Other Health Products 2019–2023* directs Member States to "ensure sustainable access to quality, safe, effective and affordable medicines, vaccines and other health products;"[432]
- The *Immunization Agenda 2030* (WHA73[9]) aims to ensure that "everyone, everywhere, at every age, fully

[429] 1 Thessalonians 5:23–24.
[430] Jeremiah 30:17.
[431] United Nations Regional Information Centre (UNRIC), "Sustainable Development Goal 3: Ensure Healthy Lives and Promote Well-Being for All at All Ages," 2015, accessed October 12, 2025, https://unric.org/en/sdg-3. This goal says, "3.8 Achieve universal health coverage, including financial risk protection, access to quality essential health-care services and access to safe, effective, quality and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all."
[432] World Health Organization, "Road Map for Access to Medicines, Vaccines and Other Health Products, 2019–2023: Comprehensive Support for Access to Medicines, Vaccines and Other Health Products," April 16, 2019, accessed October 12, 2025, https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789241517034.

benefits from vaccines for good health and well-being;"[433]

Christians should not rely on 'drugs' as the primary source of health.

We often are told that pharmaceuticals are the answer to treating disease, when there are much better ways that God placed in nature.[434] "Pure air, sunlight, abstemiousness, rest, exercise, proper diet, the use of water, trust in divine power—these are the true remedies."[435] Many Christian doctors have treated diseases and helped people obtain a healthy life using God's healing methods that have been scientifically proven.[436]

"Drugs do not cure disease. It is true that they sometimes afford present relief, and the patient appears to recover as the result of their use; this is because nature has sufficient vital force to expel the poison and to correct the conditions that caused the disease. Health is recovered in spite of the drug. But in most cases, the drug only changes the form and location of the disease. Often the effect of the poison seems to be overcome for a time, but the results remain in the system, and work great harm at some later period."[437] "Satan can present a counterfeit so closely resembling the truth that it deceives those who are willing to be deceived."[438]

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[433] World Health Organization, "Immunization Agenda 2030: A Global Strategy to Leave No One Behind," endorsed by World Health Assembly Resolution WHA73(9), 2020, accessed October 12, 2025, https://www.who.int/teams/immunization-vaccines-and-biologicals/strategies/ia2030.
[434] See Why is it important that the Christian looks to a Biblical view of health?.
[435] Ellen G. White, *The Ministry of Healing* (Mountain View, CA: Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1905), 127.
[436] Examples: Agatha Thrash, *Nature's Healing Practices: A Natural Remedies Encyclopedia* (2015), 548 pages, ISBN 1479611107, 9781479611102;
John Clark, *Blueprint for Health and Healing: Reversing Disease from Its Foundation* (2025), ISBN: 9781948254212, accessed December 25, 2025, https://www.northernlightshealtheducation.com/pages/Blueprint.html.
[437] Ellen G. White, *Counsels on Health* (Mountain View, CA: Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1923), 89, para. 2.
[438] Ellen G. White, *The Great Controversy* (Mountain View, CA: Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1911), 522.

A Christian will need to ask God for discernment as many pharmaceuticals (synthetic and natural extracts as well as supplements) are not only financially expensive, but they are costly to health with harmful side effects.[439] We also need to understand that God's herbs, foods, and methods bear His imprint, but man's formulations lead us to place faith and trust in their science, often unwisely.

Often, because the drugs or pharmaceuticals do not cause immediate perceived harm, people believe they are curing the disease or health condition. Ecclesiastes 8:11 says, "Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil." It is often with prolonged use of pharmaceuticals that detrimental side effects begin to manifest. Some of these are irreversible, and usually the course of medical management includes adding more pharmaceuticals to the drug regimen.

Each year in the United States, adverse drug events (ADEs), or harm resulting from medication use, cause approximately 1.5 million emergency department visits and 500,000 hospitalizations. Studies show ADEs causes 5-10% of hospital admissions, and in older adults, as high as 30%.[440]

Besides the side effects, there are additional dangers to prescription drugs. Prescription drugs can be abused and overused, and frequently lead to unwanted dependencies.[441] The children of God must never allow themselves to be brought under the habitual control of a substance.[442]

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[439] MSD Manuals, "Adverse Drug Reactions," *Merck Manuals* (consumer version), accessed December 2025, https://www.msdmanuals.com/home/drugs/overview-of-medications/adverse-drug-reactions.
[440] Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "FastStats: Medication Safety Data," last modified 2024, accessed December 25, 2025, https://www.cdc.gov/medication-safety/data-research/facts-stats/index.html.
[441] Wilson M. Compton and Nora D. Volkow, "Abuse of Prescription Drugs and the Risk of Addiction," *Drug and Alcohol Dependence* 83, Supplement 1 (June 2006): S4–S7, accessed January 3, 2026, https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S037687160600055X.
[442] 1 Corinthians 6:12.

There has been an explosion of extracts, tonics, tablets, sports formulations, and dietary supplements that people are using instead of conventional pharmaceuticals, believing they are taking a natural course. However, many contain contaminants such as metals, pesticides, dioxins and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and pharmacologically active ingredients.[443]

The "grandfather of modern medicine," Hippocrates, advocated food and exercise as the main treatments 2500 years ago. Hippocrates' advice to doctors was, "Practice two things in your dealings with disease: either help or do not harm the patient."[444] With any medication decision, we need to do our own research so that we are not blindly trusting someone else's judgment of the "minimal" risk. We need to compare it with a less risky, often more beneficial lifestyle approach.

With 85% of older adults having at least one chronic health condition, our healthcare infrastructure is at a breaking point. Many diseases are caused by lifestyle, and can often be prevented, arrested or even reversed by a change in lifestyle (e.g. Type 2 diabetes, Hypertension, Cardiovascular disease, Obesity, Depression and anxiety).[445] Infections and viruses do not drive these; they are due to poor behavioural choices. The American College of Lifestyle Medicine (ACLM) President, David Katz, MD, MPH, says,

> *"Lifestyle as medicine has the potential to prevent up to 80% of chronic disease; no other medicine can match that. In addition, it is*

[443] J. G. Costa et al., "Contaminants: A Dark Side of Food Supplements?" *Free Radical Research* 53, suppl. 1 (2019): 1113–1135, accessed December 25, 2025, https://doi.org/10.1080/10715762.2019.1636045.
D. H. Phua et al., "Dietary Supplements and Herbal Medicine Toxicities—When to Anticipate Them and How to Manage Them," *International Journal of Emergency Medicine* 2, no. 2 (2009): 69–76, accessed December 25, 2025, https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC2700222
[444] Hippocrates, *Epidemics*, bk. 1, sec. XI, in *Hippocratic Writings*, trans. J. Chadwick and W. N. Mann (London: Penguin Classics, 1978).
[445] World Health Organization, *Preventing Chronic Diseases: A Vital Investment*, Part 1 (Geneva: World Health Organization, 2005), accessed December 25, 2025, https://www3.paho.org/hq/dmdocuments/2012/WHO-Preventing-NCDs-2005-Eng.pdf

> *potentially inexpensive and even cost-saving; free of all but good side effects; safe and appropriate for children and octogenarians alike. It is, quite simply, the best medicine we've got."*[446]

Ellen White wrote,

> *"Shall physicians continue to resort to drugs, which leave a deadly evil in the system, destroying that life which Christ came to restore? Christ's remedies cleanse the system. But Satan has tempted man to introduce into the system that which weakens the human machinery, clogging and destroying the fine, beautiful arrangements of God. The drugs administered to the sick do not restore, but destroy. Drugs never cure. Instead, they place in the system seeds which bear a very bitter harvest."*[447]

As Sir (and Dr) William Osler, in 893, from John Hopkins Hospital once said,

> *"The good physician treats the disease, the great physician treats the patient who has the disease."*[448]

Another quote from the pen of Ellen White says,

> *"The most exalted part of the physician's work is to lead the men and women under his care to see that the cause of disease is the violation of the laws of health and to encourage them to higher and holier views of life. Instruction should be*

[446] David L. Katz, quoted in American College of Lifestyle Medicine, "Lifestyle Medicine," American College of Lifestyle Medicine, accessed December 25, 2025, https://lifestylemedicine.org/what-is-lifestyle-medicine.
[447] Ellen G. White, *The Place of Herbs in Rational Therapy*, (n.p., n.d.), 14.
[448] William Osler, "The Student Life," address delivered at Johns Hopkins Hospital, 1893, in *Aequanimitas, with Other Addresses to Medical Students, Nurses and Practitioners of Medicine* (Philadelphia: P. Blakiston's Son & Co., 1904), 387–388.

> *given that will provide an antidote for the diseases of the soul as well as for the sickness of the body."*[449]

The Top 10 prescribed medications in the US (and similar for the Western world) are for diseases that have more effective lifestyle treatment alternatives. The diseases include: high cholesterol, high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes, and reflux, among other lifestyle-related diseases.[450]

Cardio-metabolic diseases (CMD) tend to be managed with multiple medications, especially in older patients, which may increase the risk of further health issues. Drug interactions and non-adherence can lead to further progression of the disease state and the need for further pharmaceutical treatment. Lifestyle changes (Diet, exercise, sleep habits) are just as, if not more, effective as pharmacotherapy whilst reducing the risks of complications, side-effects and costs.[451]

The Diabetes Prevention Program, which included 3,234 participants , found that a structured lifestyle intervention led to a 58% reduction in the incidence of diabetes. This was more effective than medication, which only led to a 31% reduction.[452]

In a recent study of 40,000 adults with no history of cardiovascular disease, those who were prescribed medications were 82% more likely to become obese and 8% more likely to be physically inactive than adults not taking medications.[453]

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[449] Ellen G. White, *Counsels on Health* (Mountain View, CA: Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1923), 366.
[450] Andrea V. Fuentes et al., "Comprehension of Top 200 Prescribed Drugs in the US as a Resource for Pharmacy Teaching, Training and Practice," *Pharmacy* (Basel) 6, no. 2 (2018): 43, https://doi.org/10.3390/pharmacy6020043.
[451] Borenyi S. Seidu et al., "Lifestyle or Pharmacotherapy in Cardio-Metabolic Disease Prevention," *Therapeutic Advances in Cardiovascular Disease* 17 (2023): 17539447231177175, accessed December 25, 2025, https://doi.org/10.1177/17539447231177175.
[452] William C. Knowler et al., "Reduction in the Incidence of Type 2 Diabetes with Lifestyle Intervention or Metformin," *The New England Journal of Medicine* 346, no. 6 (2002): 393–403, https://doi.org/10.1056/NEJMoa012512.
[453] M. J. Korhonen et al., "Lifestyle Changes in Relation to Initiation of Antihypertensive and Lipid-Lowering Medication: A Cohort Study," *Journal of the*

It is faith that works by love[454] that causes us to be obedient to all God's laws, including His health laws. It is a presumption when Christians use pharmaceuticals and other formulations to eliminate the consequences of a lifestyle of rebellion against God's laws. No tablet will make up for lost sleep, counteract junk food, or compensate for a lack of exercise. No pill will provide the wonders of hormone regulation and mental clarity that outdoor activity will do. True medicine does not come in a man-made formula.[455]

Elijah asked King Ahaziah, "Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that ye go to enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron?"[456]

> *"There are only two powers that can heal in this world, and the Christian must choose divine power over satanic power. Those who give themselves up to the sorcery of Satan may boast of great benefit received, but does this prove their course to be wise or safe? What if life should be prolonged? What if temporal gain should be secured? Will it pay in the end to have disregarded the will of God? All such apparent gains will prove, at last, an irrecoverable loss. We cannot with impunity break down a single barrier which God has erected to guard His people from Satan's power."*[457]

Costly Pharmaceuticals (synthetic or natural extracts) are often viewed as resolving a health crisis, when simple, inexpensive lifestyle treatments improve our health far more. The COVID-19 pandemic showed that medications became scarce, access to doctors decreased, hospitals were overwhelmed and sources

American Heart Association 9, no. 4 (2020), accessed December 25, 2025, https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32019405.
[454] Galatians 5:6.
[455] Proverbs 17:22.
[456] 2 Kings 1:3.
[457] Ellen G. White, *Evangelism* (Washington, DC: Review and Herald Publishing Association, 1946), 606.

of infection, and many people who didn't want the vaccine felt pressured to take the medication or lose access to healthcare.

As the world comes to an end, the Bible says faithful followers of Jesus will not be able to buy or sell — and that will include medications.[458] Where possible, Christians need to reduce any reliance on a healthcare system that will increasingly push medications as the cure, rather than drug-free approaches. Lifestyle treatments treat the root cause of disease, whilst medications can often lead to delays in adopting lifestyle approaches. The medication may give a sense of feeling better for a time, but it is not a substitute for right living.

Many people don't want medications, but they also don't want to make lifestyle changes, and they need significant coaching and education on how to implement new changes. The most important help for these people is a connection with God, who can do what man cannot.[459]

Satan's way to deceive and dominate the world is shown in Revelation as "for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived."[460] The word for sorceries here is "pharmakeia" which is where we get the word "pharmacy" or medication, sorcery or magic.

In the end, a Christian's use of prescription drugs is between that Christian and the Lord. The Bible does not command the use of medicinal treatments, but it certainly does advise discernment in all we eat or drink or what our minds dwell on. Patience is a fruit of the holy spirit.[461] We shouldn't allow impatience or convenience to drive our decision-making in times of stress and fear. "God has not given us the spirit of fear but of power, love, and a sound mind."[462] God pledges to help us

[458] Revelation 13:17.
[459] Mark 10:27; Philippians 2:13.
[460] Revelation 18:23.
[461] Galatians 5:22.
[462] 2 Timothy 1:7.

in our health, as he made us and bought us, so we can be the temple of the Holy Spirit.[463]

GC is aligned with the UN World Health Organization.

Summary: The GC has aligned its health ministry with World Health Organization policies and agendas, including a heavy reliance on pharmaceuticals for health.

GC Official Statements

- The *50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights*[464] endorses the UN Universal Declaration on Human Rights. This includes Article 29c, which says, "These rights and freedoms may in no case be exercised contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations."[465] This ensures that the UN's purpose and principle of providing medicines and vaccines for all must supersede any individual's right to refuse participation in mandated pharmaceutical programs when recommended by the UN.[466]
- *Commitment to Health and Healing* commits "Adventist Health Ministries" to evidence-based practice and to being a "trusted, transparent ally" with compatible organizations in alleviating disease. This statement also records the Church's collaboration with the World Health Organization, thereby aligning Adventist Health operations with

[463] 1 Thessalonians 5:23; 1 Corinthians 6:19, 20.
[464] General Conference Administrative Committee, "50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights," November 17, 1998, accessed October 12, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/50th-anniversary-of-the-universal-declaration-of-human-rights.
[465] United Nations, *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, adopted December 10, 1948, accessed December 24, 2025, https://www.un.org/en/about-us/universal-declaration-of-human-rights.
[466] World Health Organization, *COVID-19 Vaccines*, World Health Organization, accessed December 11, 2025, https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/covid-19-vaccines.

international immunization and medicines agendas.[467]

- The *Immunization* statement "encourage[s] responsible immunization/vaccination," and declares that there is "no religious or faith-based reason" not to participate, and expressly values community "herd immunity."[468]
- The *Reaffirmation Statement,* while acknowledging that "vaccines may have side effects, and these can be severe in a small percentage of cases, including death in rare situations" and that "No vaccine is 100 percent effective" they still endorsed it as the primary means of ensuring the health of the community.[469]
- All statements that endorse Sustainable Development Goals endorse vaccination.[470]

GC Activities, Articles and Reports

- The GC department of Health Ministries hosts a dedicated COVID-19 hub that aggregates the Church's immunization statement, links to WHO vaccine resources, and directs members to vaccine information and updates, reinforcing immunization as the core risk-management tool for congregations and communities.[471]

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[467] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Executive Committee, "Commitment to Health and Healing," October 14, 2009, accessed October 12, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/commitment-to-health-and-healing. This Official Statement notes "collaboration with the World Health Organization." See also, General Conference Adventist Health Ministries, "Coronavirus (COVID-19 Resource Hub)," accessed October 12, 2025, https://www.healthministries.com/coronavirus.

[468] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Administrative Committee, "Immunization," April 15, 2015, accessed October 12, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/immunization.

[469] Adventist News Network (ANN), "Reaffirming the Seventh-day Adventist Church's Response to COVID-19" (institutional guidance and reaffirmation), October 25, 2021, accessed October 12, 2025, https://adventist.news/news/reaffirming-the-seventh-day-adventist-churchs-response-to-covid-19-1.

[470] See Creation Vs Evolution for information on statements that endorse sustainable development goals.

[471] General Conference Adventist Health Ministries, "Coronavirus (COVID-19 Resource Hub)." https://www.healthministries.com/coronavirus.

- An article written in ANN by the GC Department of Health Ministries said, in relation to COVID-19, they hoped that an "effective vaccine will help to bring the current pandemic to a halt" and "Immunization, along with sanitation and clean water, has been foundational to the improved longevity seen around the world where these interventions have been applied;" and "we are encouraging our members to consider responsible immunization and the promotion and facilitation of the development of what is commonly termed herd immunity."[472]

ADRA Activities, Articles and Reports

- In the 2014 *Quadrennial Report* to the UN, "Under Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals," ADRA noted that it had "implemented child-survival and immunizations programmes."[473]
- In 2014, a report by the Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities, ADRA was listed as one of the organizations that facilitated the implementation of the UN immunization Agenda.[474]
- In 2021, ADRA wrote an article titled *Vaccines for all: time for the EU to rise to the challenge.*[475]

[472] Adventist News Network (ANN), "COVID-19 Vaccines: Addressing Concerns, Offering Counsel," December 18, 2020, accessed October 12, 2025, https://adventist.news/news/covid-19-vaccines-addressing-concerns-offering-counsel.
[473] Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), "Report," cited in United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), document E/C.2/2014/2, 10, accessed December 7, 2025. https://docs.un.org/en/E/C.2/2014/2.
[474] Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities, *Local Faith Communities and Immunization for Community and Health Systems Strengthening*, scoping review, compiled by Jill Olivier, version August 2014, https://jliflc.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/LOCAL-FAITH-COMMUNITIES-AND-IMMUNIZATION-FOR-COMMUNITY-AND-HEALTH-SYSTEMS.pdf.
[475] Adventist Development & Relief Agency Europe, "Vaccine Inequity: Vaccines for All — Time for the EU to Rise to the Challenge," ADRA Europe. December 12, 2021, accessed December 11, 2025, https://adra.eu/vaccine-inequity.

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Day for Rest & Worship

"Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you."[476]

SDAs believe in the Biblical seventh-day Sabbath.

Summary: Seventh-day Adventists uphold the Bible as the supreme authority and view an enforced day of rest on Sunday as a usurpation of God's authority and a sign of the prophetic "mark of the beast."

- The Bible is the sole authoritative rule of faith and practice, excluding human or civil authority from superseding clear scriptural commands.[477]
- The Bible teaches that the primacy of the Lordship of Jesus Christ supersedes all human institutions, denying the right of any secular or religious power to mandate religious practices or override the individual conscience.[478]
- The Bible identifies the seventh-day Sabbath as a perpetual, binding command from God.[479]

[476] Exodus 31:13 .
[477] Matthew 4:4; John 12:48; Isaiah 8:20. Fundamental Belief 1: *The Holy Scriptures*. General Conference Ministerial Association, *Seventh-day Adventists Believe: A Biblical Exposition of Fundamental Doctrines*, 2nd ed. (Nampa, ID: Review and Herald Publishing Association, 2018). For summary statements on the Biblical understanding of scripture held by Seventh-day Adventists (Fundamental Beliefs), see "What We Believe," Seventh-day Adventist Church Australia, accessed October 12, 2025, https://adventist.org.au/statements-of-belief.
[478] Acts 4:19–20; Acts 5:29. Fundamental Belief 19: *The Law of God*. See *Seventh-day Adventists Believe* and "What We Believe" (above footnote).
[479] Exodus 31:16; Isaiah 66:23; Matthew 5:17; Luke 4:14–16; Acts 17:2, 18: 4.

- Keeping the Sabbath is a sign that the Lord sanctifies His people (sets them apart and makes them holy).[480]
- The Sabbath commandment not only identifies the day of rest and assembling together for worship,[481] but also identifies that the remaining six days of the week (including Sunday) are commanded to be devoted to labor.[482]
- Any human law or convention that compels observance of a day of rest that has been established by human tradition or custom effectively supplants divine authority with human ordinance. Seventh-day Adventists view that state-mandated rest on Sunday as an attempt to reassign ultimate loyalty from divine command to human decree and is a theological marker of the prophetic "mark of the beast."[483]

[480] Exodus 31:14–17; Ezekiel 20:12; Exodus 20:8–11. Fundamental Belief 20: *The Sabbath*. See *Seventh-day Adventists Believe* and "What We Believe" (above footnote).
[481] Leviticus 23:2 ("Holy convocation" means assembling together in a meeting for holy purposes); Hebrews 10:25.
[482] Exodus 20:8–11. Fundamental Belief 20: *The Sabbath*. See *Seventh-day Adventists Believe* and "What We Believe" (above footnote).
[483] General Conference Executive Committee, "Answers to Questions on the Mark of the Beast and End Time Events," n.d., accessed October 12, 2025, https://executivecommittee.adventist.org/newsletter/article/answers-to-questions-on-the-mark-of-the-beast-and-end-time-events. This article says, "Historically, the attempt to change the day of worship has been perpetrated by the papacy of Rome which reveres Sunday as the day of rest instead of Saturday, the biblical Sabbath. The fact that the second beast in Revelation 13, representing the United States of America, exercises the same authority as the first beast (Rev. 13:12) and cooperates with the first beast to enforce false worship shows that Sunday will be an important distinguishing mark of those who worship the beast and his image in contrast to God's remnant people who "keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus" (Rev. 14:12). Their obedience includes keeping the seventh day holy because they heed the call to "worship Him who made heaven and Earth, the sea and springs of water" (Rev. 14:7; see Exod. 20:11). These will receive the seal of God (Rev. 7:4; 14:1) while those who reject this call and reverence Sunday, the mark of the beast's authority, are described as part of Babylon and receive the mark of the beast (Rev. 14:8–11). The final test, then, is over true or false worship based either on obedience to God's law, including the Sabbath, or a man-made day of worship, Sunday."

Why is the seventh-day Sabbath essential?

Scripture reveals that God made man for His glory[484] or, in other words, to reveal His character.[485] This is what is principally meant when God made man in His image.[486] It was the image or character of God that was humanity's primary loss at the fall, and it is what Jesus died to restore to mankind.[487]

Before the fall of mankind,[488] Adam and Eve lived in harmony with God, but after the fall, they were afraid.[489] Before the fall, God had created a day on which He rested. He blessed and sanctified it.[490] Or in other words, He set the seventh day apart or separated it from the rest of the week and made it holy. This was the first full day that Adam and Eve would have spent with the Lord.[491] It was a day that they were to keep with the Lord even in their unfallen state, to remind them that they were always set apart from the remainder of God's creation (as they alone were in His image).[492] It was also a continual reminder that they needed to be dependent on and rest in His ability to make and keep them holy.[493] It was to this creation week that God referred in the fourth commandment.[494]

The temptation that Satan, as the serpent, placed before Adam and Eve was to believe that they could advance in their likeness to God (holy or sanctified) through their own efforts as they connected themselves to something else in creation — the snake and the fruit.[495] They shifted from dependence on God to dependence on themselves and on other created things.

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[484] Isaiah 43:7.
[485] Exodus 33:18–23, Exodus 34:6–7.
[486] Genesis 1:26.
[487] Hebrews 1:2–3; Romans 8:29; 1 Corinthians 15:49; 2 Corinthians 3:18, 4:4; Colossians 3:10.
[488] Genesis 3.
[489] Genesis 3:8–10.
[490] Genesis 2:2–3.
[491] Genesis 1:26–31.
[492] Genesis 1:27.
[493] Exodus 31:13; Ezekiel 20:12.
[494] Exodus 20:8–11.
[495] Genesis 3:5–6.

As a consequence, instead of the rest, holiness and peace that God provides, they had harder labor, and experienced sin and death.[496]

God, in His mercy, made a promise that a desire to separate from the things of the fallen world would continue to be placed in humanity. He told Satan, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."[497] The seventh-day Sabbath is a reminder of that continued separation God created at the fall between the unholy and the holy. It is a reminder of the separation that God made between the world and its work (the first 6 days of the week), and God's rest (the last day of the week). Furthermore, it is a perpetual reminder that God, not man, or any other created thing, can make humanity holy and set apart from the rest of creation to be re-made in the image of God.[498]

Nowhere in the Bible does it say that God transferred all that the Sabbath was to remind His people of, to the first day of the week. Attempting to transfer what the seventh day is to represent to Sunday is to fall into the same sin that Eve first committed. It is an attempt to make something holy and set apart by human effort, which is impossible. If Christians attempt to do this for a day, they will also try to make themselves holy and set apart through their own efforts. The Bible makes it very clear that this is not possible.[499]

When the Son of God came to this Earth, He kept the Sabbath both in His life[500] and His death.[501] In this, He fulfilled, or filled full, the law of God.[502] He kept the Sabbath as an act of self-surrender on behalf of every man that has or will ever exist, as

[496] Genesis 3:16–22.
[497] Genesis 3:15.
[498] Exodus 31:16; Isaiah 66:23; Matthew 5:17; Luke 4:14–16; Acts 17:2; 18:4.
[499] Ephesians 2:8–9.
[500] Luke 4:16.
[501] John 19:31.
[502] Matthew 5:17.

if He were every man.[503] He offers that life to us so that we may "Walk even as He walked."[504]

In choosing to die, contrary to His natural will,[505] and then resting (in death) entirely in the will of His Father, Jesus was showing His total lack of dependence on Himself and His *entire* dependence on God the Father.[506] By allowing Himself to be separated from every Earthly support,[507] He demonstrated His desire to be entirely separated from this world for the sake of being united with His Father. This is the true love of God that the first four of the Ten Commandments refer to and it is what the seventh-day Sabbath points to.[508]

Jesus's act of Sabbath keeping filled full the requirements of the last six of the Ten Commandments also.[509] The fourth commandment asks the believer not to cause any other person to work on the seventh-day Sabbath.[510] When Jesus took us to the cross in Him and died as us, resting on the Sabbath, He truly did become our peace and rest.[511] All the types that were satisfied by the cross, all the ordinances or works that men were required by the ceremonial and sacrificial commandments, introduced after the fall (such as circumcision and burnt offerings), were done away with.[512] They were to point to and remind the believer of the internal regenerative work that God would do in Christ.[513] At the cross, the heart of the self-sacrificing Son was in tune with the Father's heart, and consequently, mankind was once again (in Christ) brought into complete harmony with God, bringing

[503] Hebrews 2:9.
[504] 1 John 2:1–8.
[505] Luke 22:42.
[506] John 5:30.
[507] Matthew 26:31, 40; Isaiah 53:2–7.
[508] Mark 12:30; Matthew 22:38.
[509] Mark 12:31; Matthew 22:39.
[510] Exodus 20:10.
[511] Ephesians 2:14.
[512] Ephesians 2:15.
[513] Colossians 2:16–17; Hebrews 10:1–17.

true rest to mankind.[514] And this was most clearly seen as He rested in the grave on the Sabbath after His crucifixion.

Christ's Sabbath-keeping pointed to the reality that we are saved only through grace, as a gift of God.[515] As God resurrected us in Jesus on Sunday[516] and Jesus recommenced His work,[517] we became His "Workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."[518]

No one will be able to fulfil the law to love God or to love our neighbour like Jesus did, except as Jesus recreates us anew.[519] As we seek to live in a pre-fall relationship to God, as Jesus Christ did,[520] we too will endeavour to keep all of the Ten Commandments, including the seventh-day Sabbath commandment.[521] When we put forth this effort, not to win God's heart, but because He has won ours,[522] He works in us, "Both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure."[523]

Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath.[524] Acknowledging Him as the Lord of that day, is an acknowledgment that He is the Lord of us.[525]

To the Bible-believing Christian, the seventh-day Sabbath represents all that Christ is — separate from this world and entirely holy. It represents all that Christ wants us to be — separate and holy. It is a day that He asks us not just to pause and rest, but to rest in Him and all that He is. It is the day that He asks us to remember to assemble together in worship to reflect upon His creation of mankind, and His act of recreation of humanity in His death and resurrection. It is a day that we

[514] Ephesians 2:11–22.
[515] Ephesians 2:8.
[516] Romans 6:5–11.
[517] John 20:17.
[518] Ephesians 2:10.
[519] 2 Corinthians 5:14–21.
[520] Hebrews 4:15.
[521] Matthew 19:21; Hebrews 4:11.
[522] 1 John 4:19.
[523] Philippians 2:13.
[524] Luke 6:5.
[525] 2 Peter 3:18.

keep by faith, believing by faith that He will make us and keep us separated and holy unto Himself, just as He made the seventh day separate and holy.

The UN encourages mandated weekly rest days.

Summary: The International Labor Office (Specialised Agency of the UN) has passed two conventions to establish a global weekly rest standard that has largely reinforced Sunday observance and conflicts with the biblical Sabbath from Friday sunset to Saturday sunset.

The International Labor Office (ILO), which originated with the League of Nations[526] has issued two labor conventions that establish a global standard for weekly rest. These two conventions are:

1. ILO Convention No. 14 (*Weekly Rest in Industrial Undertakings, 1921*) mandates that all industrial workers receive at least twenty-four consecutive hours of rest every seven days. It states, "[The 24-hour rest period] shall, wherever possible, be fixed so as to coincide with the days already established by the traditions or customs of the country or district."[527]

2. ILO Convention No. 106 (*Weekly Rest — Commerce and Offices, 1957*) extends the same principle to office and commercial employees. It says, "The weekly rest period shall, wherever possible, coincide with the day of the week established as a day of rest by the traditions or customs of the country or district."[528]

[526] International Labour Organization, "History of the ILO," accessed December 28, 2025, https://www.ilo.org/about-ilo/history-ilo.
[527] International Labor Organization (ILO), "Convention No. 14 (Weekly Rest in Industrial Undertakings, 1921)," November 17, 1921, accessed October 8, 2025, https://normlex.ilo.org/dyn/nrmlx_en/f?p=NORMLEXPUB:12100:0::NO:12100:P12100_INSTRUMENT_ID:312159:NO.
[528] International Labour Organization (ILO), "Convention No. 106: (Weekly Rest (Commerce and Offices), 1957), Geneva: International Labour Office, June 26,

In Article 6 of Convention 106, it has the following items:

1. "All persons to whom this Convention applies shall, except as otherwise provided by the following Articles, be entitled to an uninterrupted weekly rest period comprising not less than 24 hours in the course of each period of seven days.
2. "The weekly rest period shall, wherever possible, be granted simultaneously to all the persons concerned in each establishment.
3. "The weekly rest period shall, wherever possible, coincide with the day of the week established as a day of rest by the traditions or customs of the country or district.
4. "The traditions and customs of religious minorities shall, as far as possible, be respected."[529]

Article 6.4 allows for religious minorities, but it must be noted that it is not an inalienable right. Where it is not possible to respect the traditions and customs, they will be disrespected. Article 13 of this convention says, "The provisions of this Convention may be suspended in any country by the government in the event of war or other emergency constituting a threat to the national safety."[530] If the day of rest of a minority group needs to be suspended due to a national emergency, then this convention allows for it.

It must also be noted that the idea of simultaneous rest (as per Article 106.2) is one of the aims of this convention. If the majority of people rest on Sunday in a particular establishment, this convention requires that day to be the day of rest.

1957, accessed October 8, 2025, https://normlex.ilo.org/dyn/nrmlx_en/f?p=NORMLEXPUB:12100:0::NO:12100:P12100_INSTRUMENT_ID:312251:NO.

[529] Ibid.

[530] Ibid.

Although Convention No.14 and No. 106 do not explicitly name Sunday as a day of rest, the following documents and events suggest that legislated Sunday rest was the desired objective of many, if not a large portion of, the parties involved in the drafting and ratification of the conventions:

1. The *Versailles Treaty* June 28, 1919 led to the formation of the League of Nations. Part XIII of the treaty, lead to the formation of the ILO with multiple Labor Conventions. In article 427.5 of Part XIII, it says that all members states should abide by, "The adoption of a weekly rest of at least twenty-four hours, which should include Sunday wherever practicable."[531]

2. In 1921, the ILO was set to have its 3rd conference. A questionnaire[532] was sent out to the governments that would be participating in the Conference. One of the Agenda items was Convention 14. The questionnaire began with an explainer. It said,

> "In Article 427 of the Treaty of Peace, certain methods and principles are laid down as being of special and urgent importance, which all industrial communities should endeavour to apply, so far as their special circumstances permit. The fifth among these methods and principles is 'the adoption of a weekly rest of at least 24 hours, which should include Sunday wherever practicable.'"[533]

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[531] *Papers Relating to the Foreign Relations of the United States, The Paris Peace Conference, 1919, Volume XIII*, U.S. Department of State (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1947), Section II: General principles (Article 427), accessed December 11, 2025, https://history.state.gov/historicaldocuments/frus1919Parisv13/ch22subch2.
[532] International Labour Office, *The Weekly Rest-Day in Industrial and Commercial Establishments: Item IV of the Agenda, International Labour Conference, Third Session, Geneva, April 1921* (Geneva: International Labour Office, 1921), accessed December 11, 2025, https://ia804500.us.archive.org/27/items/weeklyrestdayini00interich/weeklyrestdayini00interich.pdf.
[533] Ibid., 5.

Further into the introduction to the questionnaire, it said,

> "Although it does not seem essential that the weekly day of rest should fall on the same day in all countries, it is for various reasons obvious that Sunday should be adopted in principle, due provision being allowed for the situation in non-Christian countries. It would, on the other hand, probably be a matter of general agreement that there are strong reasons for the adoption of the same day of rest in any given country for the great majority of its workers."[534]

The report on the responses to this questionnaire from the various member countries includes the following noteworthy responses:

- *Sunday* or *Sundays* were referred to 382 times across the whole report; no other day except Saturday was referred to more than 20 times, with Saturday referred to 86 times. No full day other than Sunday was explicitly named as a day for rest in the questionnaire questions, except for Saturday and Friday, in some religious circumstances (e.g., for Jews and Muslims, respectively). Saturday and Monday were both mentioned as part rest days associated with Sunday rest. Moreover, there were several references to religious observances or church attendance that needed to be taken into account with respect to Sunday rest.[535]

[534] Ibid., 8.
[535] International Labour Office, *Report VII on the Weekly Rest-Day in Industrial and Commercial Employment, Third Session, International Labour Conference, Geneva, October 1921* (Lausanne, Switzerland: Imprimeries Réunies S.A. for the International Labour Office, 1921), 7–9, accessed December 11, 2025, https://webapps.ilo.org/public/libdoc/ilo/1921/21B09_17_engl.pdf.

- Many countries that responded to the questions had already had legislation in place that restricted labor and trade on Sunday prior to the ILO issuing the questionnaire.
- In relation to the question "3a. Would the following bases for such Draft Conventions be considered acceptable? The adoption of Sunday as, in principle, the weekly rest-day, full account being taken of the conditions of certain countries" the responses were as follows:
  - The following countries said yes, with some referring to it as the 'Lord's Day': Australia, Canada,*[536] Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Germany, Great Britain, India, Italy, Norway, Roumania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland. This was approx. 60% of respondents.
  - The following countries said yes, but with some strictly limited exceptions made allowable (but they frequently suggested that the work is not carried out in public on the Sunday): Austria, Belgium, Finland,*[537] South Africa, Uruguay.*[538] This was approx. 23 % of respondents.

[536] Ibid., 39. *Canada added this information to its response "a) Dominion [Federal] Government: The law of the 13th July, 1906 with regard to the observance of Sunday defines Sunday as follows: "The Lord's Day" means the period of time which begins at twelve o'clock on Saturday afternoon and ends at twelve o'clock on the following afternoon. (b) Provincial Governments. The provincial legislations have adopted as the normal rest-day."
[537] Ibid., 40. *Finland added this information to its response "In commerce, the weekly rest must take place without exception on Sunday, and employees cannot be retained on overtime on Christmas Day, Good Friday, the 1st May, Easter, and the Festival of St. John. Nor can they be compelled to work overtime during holidays. In view of the above considerations, it appears desirable that Sunday should be fixed in principle by international treaty as the weekly rest-day.
[538] Ibid., 45–46. Uruguay added this to their answer to the question: "The majority of national legislative systems, including that of Uruguay, establish the obligation of the Sunday holiday in the generality of cases, thus paying tribute to religious tradition. That the Sunday rest is due to religious motives is proved by the fact

- The following countries said that a day other than Sunday could be fixed in countries inhabited by those of another religion other than Christianity: Greece. This is approx. 5% of respondents.
- The following countries specifically refer to allowing those who keep the seventh-day Sabbath in their country to rest on that day instead of Sunday (but they frequently said that the work done on a Sunday should not be done in public): Netherlands, Poland. This was 9% of respondents.
- The following countries said that they were still considering the question: Japan. This was 5% of respondents.

- In relation to question 5. "Is it considered in connection with question 3 (c) and question 4 that the following alternatives or combinations should form the bases of discussion for the conditions under which exceptions should he envisaged (a) Compensation for work done on Sunday (i) by higher wages, (ii) by accordance of a rest-day on a week-day (iii) by accordance in the same week of a period of 24 hours' rest, or of two periods amounting to 24 hours, or of an equivalent period of rest (iv) by accordance of monthly or tri-monthly holidays on lull pay. (b) Rotation. of rest-day. (c) Limitation to such rotation, e.g., by provision that a given number

that one of the circumstances determining rest legislation is that of rendering possible the attendance of religious services on that day and the observance of the old biblical commandment. Even those countries which have reacted against that commandment, and harmonise the religious foundations of their legislation with the economic foundations, preserve important traces of the ancient doctrine, among others, the provision applicable to continuous processes under which it is necessary to allow the worker on Sunday the time necessary to comply with his religious duties."

of rest-days within a given period must fall on Sunday;" The responses were as follows on the next page:[539]

- The following countries said yes: Australia, Austria,*[540]Belgium,*[541] Czecho-Slovakia, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Great Britain,*[542] Italy, Norway, Poland, South Africa, Sweden. This was approximately 62% of respondents.
- The following countries did not provide for the higher compensation, but insisted that no work was permitted except in emergency or critical services: Canada. This was approximately 5% of respondents.
- The following countries did not provide for higher compensation. Still, they suggested that Sunday work was only meant to be done with critical services and a rest day on another day of the week should be granted as compensation (and every effort should be made to ensure as many Sundays as possible as rest): Greece, Netherlands, Spain, Uruguay. This was approximately 19% of respondents.
- The following countries felt that Sunday work should be an exception only, and that

[539] Ibid., 75–100.
[540] Ibid., 76–77. Austria added this to their response: "The best substitute for the Sunday rest is a compensatory
rest of another of the week. This gives the workers almost the same as regards health as the Sunday rest. They lose, however, opportunities for social intercourse and for common attendance at church or other institutions."
[541] Ibid., 77. Belgium included this in their response: "Any decrees issued in virtue of the preceding paragraph
shall secure for such persons in every case such time as may be necessary to allow them to attend Divine Service once a week, as well as a half-day's rest in every seven days, or a full day's rest in every two weeks."
[542] Great Britain went on to site the "Lord's Day Observance Act of 1677" and the "Sunday Observance Act of 1781" the "Market and Fair (Sunday) Act, 1448–1449" and "the Bread Acts of 183" all of which have a religious observance component.

countries should be at liberty to determine how to compensate for it: Switzerland. This was approximately 5% of respondents.

- The following countries did not provide for high compensation and stated that rest days should be granted on an alternative day if the person was working on Sunday: India. This was approximately 5% of respondents.
- The following countries said that they were still considering the question: Japan. This was approximately5% of respondents.

- In relation to the question, "Are you of opinion that the length of the weekly rest should exceed 24 hours (the Saturday half holiday)?," the responses were as follows:[543]
  - Countries that said yes (with a few exceptions): Australia, Austria, Czecho-Slovakia, Finland, Greece, India, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Roumania, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Uruguay. Approximately74% of respondents.
  - Countries that felt that the question could not be answered or should not be included for discussion: Germany, Great Britian, Japan, Norway. Approximately21% of respondents.
  - Countries that felt that their countries should decide based on what is practical: Spain. Approximately5% of respondents.

[543] Ibid., 100–108.

3. Seventh-day Adventist periodicals of the 1920s reported on the effects of Convention No. 14 on its members. They recorded,

> "At the Labour Conference held last year at Geneva we understand the question of day baking was considered, and as a result, the enforcement of day baking, and no baking on Sundays, is being gradually introduced throughout the world. In New South Wales the law is already in operation, having come into force last March. It is already working hardship upon Seventh-day Adventist bakers, who for conscientious reasons do not bake on Saturdays; and because of the universal weekly rest day provisions of the Labour Conference, as put into operation by the New South Wales Government, they are prohibited from baking bread on Sundays."[544]

> "In New Zealand, a Police Offences Amendment Act was passed in 1924, by which a fine of five pounds is provided for, "Every person who on Sunday, in, or in view of any public place, trades, works at his trade or calling, deals, transacts business, sells goods, or exposes goods for sale.""[545]

4. Before Convention 106 was voted on in 1957 at the ILO, a questionnaire was sent out to member states of the UN. The results were as follows,

[544] A. W. Anderson, "Universal Enforcement of Sunday Laws Proposed: A Call to Prayer," *Australian Record* 30, no. 20 (May 17, 1926), 1–2, accessed December 15, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/AAR/AAR19260517-V30-20.pdf.
[545] A. W. Anderson, "Religious Liberty Department," *Australian Record* 30, nos. 41–42 (October 18, 1926): 9, accessed December 15, 2026, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/AAR/AAR19261011-V30-41,42.pdf.

- Of the nineteen member countries that specifically defined the weekly day of rest in their answers, all but one identified Sunday as the rest day. Of these, seven member countries said that the weekly rest day began on Saturday and continued for the entire Sunday.
- The only country that did not advocate Sunday rest was Iran which advocated for Friday rest.
- Many of those who did not specifically identify a day of rest referred to their national legislation that complies with the idea of making a weekly day of rest according to tradition or custom.
- Four of the responses specifically referred to worship or spiritual edification for the reason for the choice of the day for weekly rest.[546]

5. The ILO specifically recognizes that the Papal encyclical Rerum Novarum reflects the principles promoted by the ILO.[547] This encyclical states, "From [the idea that God has rights] follows the obligation of the cessation from work and labor on Sundays and certain holy days. The rest from labor is not to be understood as mere giving way to idleness; much less must it be an occasion for spending money and for vicious indulgence, as many would have it to be; but it should be rest from labor, hallowed by religion."[548]

[546] International Labour Organization, *Weekly Rest (Commerce and Offices) Convention Report VII (2), 1957 (No. 106)*, accessed December 28, 2025, https://webapps.ilo.org/public/libdoc/conventions/Technical_Conventions/Convention_no._106/106_English/56B09_47_engl.pdf.
[547] International Labour Office, *Convergences: Decent Work and Social Justice in Religious Traditions* (Geneva: International Labour Office, 2012), accessed December 11, 2025, https://www.ilo.org/sites/default/files/wcmsp5/groups/public/%40dgreports/%40exrel/documents/publication/wcms_172371.pdf.
[548] Pope Leo XIII, *Rerum Novarum: Encyclical of Pope Leo XIII on Capital and Labor*, May 15, 1891, Vatican.va, accessed December 11, 2025,

6. A 2010 survey of member nations on ILO conventions and their application illustrated that where a day was specified as a legislated weekly rest day for a country, it was Sunday. This same survey also refers explicitly to extra financial compensation for Sunday labor. Moreover, there were some of those member states that recognised Sunday as a weekly rest day, who said that a longer period than 24 hours was necessary for weekly rest.[549]

7. Some countries have not responded to the ILO questionnaires that have been mentioned, such as the United States. However, in practice, the United States still upholds Sunday rest laws, citing them as of secular rather than religious relevance.[550]

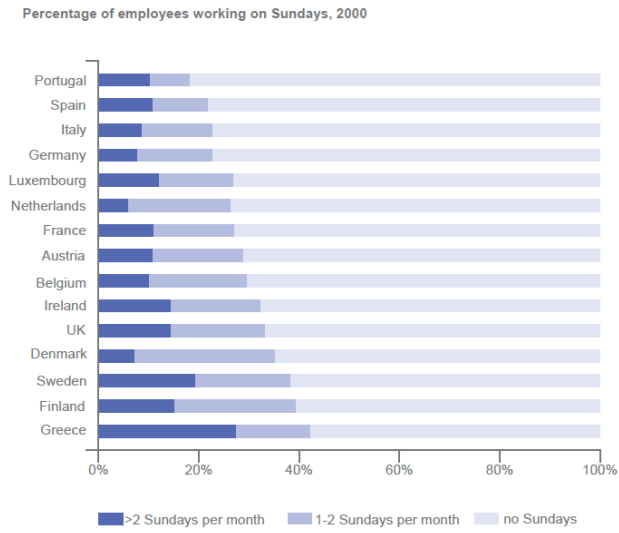
8. In the year 2000, a document put out by the ILO had a chart to demonstrate "How many employees worked during the weekend?" in European Union member states. The chart depicted on the page was as follows (note it only references Sunday, indicating that this was the most important rest day):[551]

https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_l-xiii_enc_15051891_rerum-novarum.html.

[549] International Labour Office, *Decent Work for Domestic Workers: Report IV(2), International Labour Conference, 99th Session, Geneva, 2010*, accessed December 11, 2025, https://www.ilo.org/sites/default/files/wcmsp5/groups/public/%40ed_norm/%40relconf/documents/meetingdocument/wcms_123731.pdf.

[550] United States Supreme Court. *McGowan v. Maryland,* 366 U.S. 420 (1961), accessed October 12, 2025, https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/366/420. This case affirmed the Maryland State Supreme Court's decision that the state's Sunday closing laws did not have a religious purpose to aid religion and that the secular purpose of the legislation to set aside a day of rest and recreation did not violate the Establishment Clause.

[551] International Labour Organization, *Conditions of Work and Employment Programme*, accessed December 28, 2025, https://www.ilo.org/media/314391/download.



Source: European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions: *Third European Survey on Working Conditions* (Dublin, 2000).

9. In 2013, the *CEACR* (ILO *Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations*) guided Mauritius on how it was to ratify the *Weekly Rest Convention 1921 (No. 14).* In comments by the *CEACR* after Mauritius had made amendments to their legislation, *CEACR* writes, "The Committee considers that as it now reads, the Employment Rights Act clearly makes it sufficiently clear that Sunday is the ordinary weekly rest day…"[552]

10. The CEACR asked for Luxembourg to amend their weekly rest legislation to "so far as possible coincide with Sunday."[553]

[552] International Labour Organization, *Comment by the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations concerning a Government report (Comment ID 4115756)*, NORMLEX database, accessed January 5, 2026, https://normlex.ilo.org/dyn/nrmlx_en/f?p=1000:13101:0::NO:13101:P13101_COMMENT_ID:4115756.

[553] International Labour Organization, *comment on ILO Convention No. 14 report,* NORMLEX — ILO Information System on International Labour Standards (Comment ID 2305764), accessed December 28, 2025, https://normlex.ilo.org/dyn/nrmlx_en/f?p=1000:13101:0::NO:13101:P13101_COMMENT_ID:2305764.

11. A 2015 ILO *Factsheet on Rest Periods* said that "In most national legislation the weekly rest period is organised according to the local customs, meaning the rest day is either on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday (or a combination of consecutive days if the worker gets more than one rest day)."[554] These days are typically known for worship depending on the religion. Therefore, "local custom" appears to be a euphemism for religious practices.

12. In the 2019 *Guide to Balanced Working Time Arrangements*, the ILO said, "Weekend work is any work occurring on normal days of rest. In many Western countries, the weekend commonly refers to rest days as being Sunday and/or Saturday, and in most Arab countries, the traditional weekly rest day is Friday."[555]

13. Sustainable development goal 8.5 says, "By 2030, achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all women and men, including for young people and persons with disabilities, and equal pay for work of equal value"[556] (emphasis supplied). In 2018, the ILO held the 107th *International Labour Conference* and issued a document called *Ensuring Decent Working Time for the Future.*[557] This defined what "decent work" was. In relation to weekly rest, the following points were made,

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[554] International Labour Organization, *"Rest Periods (Fact Sheet),"* accessed December 28, 2025, https://www.ilo.org/media/432706/download.
[555] International Labour Organization, *Guide to Developing Balanced Working Time Arrangements*, (Geneva: ILO, 2019), 15, accessed December 31, 2025, https://www.ilo.org/media/402936/download.
[556] United Nations Regional Information Centre, "SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth," UNRIC, accessed December 11, 2025, https://unric.org/en/sdg-8.
[557] International Labour Organization, *General Survey concerning working-time instruments (Report ILC.107/III(B)): Ensuring Decent Working Time for the Future*, accessed December 28, 2025, https://www.ilo.org/sites/default/files/wcmsp5/groups/public/%40ed_norm/%40relconf/documents/meetingdocument/wcms_618485.pdf.

- Several countries recognize the weekly rest as starting at noon or 1 p.m. on Saturday, and continuing on to be the whole of Sunday.
- In *Chapter I, Section 4. Compensation for Overtime,* the only specific day that is identified as attracting higher compensation is Sunday.
- In *Chapter II, Weekly Rest,* they have numerous graphs outlining the number of citizens of member countries who rest on either Saturday or Sunday, which demonstrates that the definition of weekly rest according to the convention is at least preferred to be on either Saturday or Sunday.
- The report said, "Sunday rest is not universal as it has been established by Christian tradition and is only observed in areas where social customs have been influenced by this tradition."[558] (But as has been previously noted by other documents provided by ILO, the majority of the world recognises Sunday as the day of weekly rest.)
- The report also said, "Weekly rest is a social necessity and, if taken simultaneously, enables workers to enjoy their leisure hours together. Ensuring decent working time for the future a day of weekly rest provided simultaneously to all workers is necessary to enable them to draw full benefit from the weekly break in terms of family and social life."[559]
- Another quote from this report said, "Comments from certain European workers' organizations emphasize the importance of Sunday rest and warn against the trend, mainly

[558] Ibid., 77.
[559] Ibid.

in Europe, towards Sunday work which, in their view, is liable to harm family life."[560]

- Finally, the ILO said that UN member states should enforce penalties for those violating the weekly rest legislation.

Why is it important for Christians to reject Sunday rest?

Sunday, as its name suggests, traces the history of its use as a day of rest or worship to its recognition as the "venerable day of the Sun."[561] The first civilization to label the first day of the week Sunday was, in fact, the Babylonians, who worshipped the moon and different planets on different days of the week, and the Sun on the first day of the week.[562] This was a practice adopted by the Romans.[563] It was in 321 AD, that Emperor Constantine made an edict that said, "Let all judges and all city people and all tradesmen rest upon the venerable day of the sun."[564]

In 328 AD, the same Roman Emperor issued another decree stating,

> "On the day of the sun, properly called the Lord's Day by our ancestors, let there be a cessation of lawsuits, businesses, and indictments, let no one exact a debt due either to the state or an individual; let there be no cognizance of disputes, not even by arbitrators,

[560] Ibid., 86.
[561] Law Reform Committee of South Australia, *Ninety-Second Report: Inherited Imperial Sunday Observance or Lord's Day Acts* (Adelaide: Government Printer, 1987), accessed December 12, page 2, 2025, https://law.adelaide.edu.au/system/files/2019-02/92-Inherited-Imperial-Sunday-Observance-or-Lords-Day-Acts.pdf.
[562] Encyclopædia Britannica, s.v. "week," accessed December 12, 2025, https://www.britannica.com/science/week.
[563] Ibid.
[564] Law Reform Committee of South Australia, *Ninety-Second Report: Inherited Imperial Sunday Observance or Lord's Day Acts* (Adelaide: Government Printer, 1987), 2, accessed December 12, 2025, https://law.adelaide.edu.au/system/files/2019-02/92-Inherited-Imperial-Sunday-Observance-or-Lords-Day-Acts.pdf

> whether appointed by the courts or voluntarily chosen. And let him not only be adjudged notorious, but also impious who shall turn aside from an institute and rite of holy religion."

This was the first time Sunday was ever recorded as being the "Lord's day" and implied that the day must be used for worship. This decree also coincided with further laws calling upon the people to observe additional pagan festival days.[565]

The consequences of disobeying these mandates to rest and then worship included the loss of jobs, estates,[566] whipping,[567] imprisonment, and fines.[568]

In 363 AD, at the *Synod of Laodicea*, the mainline Christian leaders (Roman Catholic) assembled to discuss several theological and governance issues and wrote their decisions in Canons. In Canon 29, it said, "The Christians must not judaize by resting on the Sabbath, but must work on that day, rather honouring the Lord's Day; and, if they can, resting then as Christians. But if any shall be found to be Judaizers, let them be anathema from Christ."[569]

There are two things one can conclude from this Canon: 1. That there were, in the fourth century AD, Christians who were keeping the seventh-day Sabbath, according to the Scriptures, as the Lord was wont to do from Eden[570] to His incarnation[571] and death,[572] and into eternity;[573] 2. That the transference of the day of rest and worship from Sabbath to Sunday (called "the Lord's day" by those present at the Synod) was not based on Biblical command, but Roman Catholic Church decree.

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[565] Ibid., 3.
[566] Ibid., 4.
[567] Ibid.
[568] Ibid., 5.
[569] *Synod of Laodicea (4th Century), Canons*, Church Fathers, New Advent, accessed December 18, 2025, https://www.newadvent.org/fathers/3806.htm.
[570] Genesis 2:2–3.
[571] Luke 4:16.
[572] John 19:31.
[573] Isaiah 66:22–23.

God specifically commands His people not to participate in any form of sun worship.[574] Offering incense to Baal (the calf in the wilderness, and the symbol of Luciferian worship) goes hand-in-hand with sun worship.[575]

The prophet Ezekiel was shown four abominations that the Israelites were practising[576] just before God and His glory left the temple and Jerusalem.[577] The last and most heinous of these great abominations was God's people worshipping the sun.[578] God clearly showed Ezekiel that sun worship removed God's protection from His people.[579] This rebellion was linked to their failure to keep the seventh-day Sabbath and the seventh-year Sabbaths meant to be kept for the land. [580] They were consequently carried away to Babylon.[581]

In the Bible, it talks of the final power in Earth's history[582] as being one that would seek to "devour the whole Earth"[583] and would make war with God's people.[584] Daniel 7:25 states, "And he shall speak great words [commands/laws] against the most High, and shall wear out [afflict] the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time [1 year] and times [2 years] and the dividing of time [1/2 year]." Multiple times in the Bible, this same time period is identified as 1260 prophetic days (1260 years[585]) when this power would have a visible representation as the main power driving the persecution of God's people.[586] This

[574] Deuteronomy 4:19, 17:3.
[575] 2 Kings 23:5.
[576] Ezekiel 8.
[577] Ezekiel 8:4; Ezekial 10; Ezekiel 11: 22–24.
[578] Ezekiel 16.
[579] Ezekiel 9; Ezekiel 12.
[580] 2 Chronicles 36:21; Isaiah 58:13–14.
[581] 2 Chronicles 36:20.
[582] Daniel 7:12–14, 18, 22, 26–27.
[583] Daniel 7:7, 19, 23.
[584] Daniel 7:21, 25.
[585] Numbers 14:24; Ezekiel 4:6.
[586] Daniel 7:25, 12:7; Revelation 11:2,3; 12:6,14; 13:5 (1260 days, is the same as 42 months, which is the same as time, times and half a time with time meaning 360 days and times meaning 2 x 360).

period is reflected in the authority the Roman Catholic Church held over all of Christianity from 538 AD to 1798 AD.

As the Roman Catholic Church grew in prominence, it assumed increasingly Biblically unfounded authority over the interpretation of the Scriptures. To this day, the Roman Catholic leaders say, "Theological reflection must submit to a new examination, guided by the Tradition of the universal Church, the facts and words revealed by God, contained in the Scriptures, and explained by the Fathers of the Church and by the Magisterium."[587]

In 538 AD, the Roman Catholic Church assumed persecutory power over God's faithful Bible-believing people. In 533–534 AD, Emperor Justinian issued a decree conferring ecclesiastical authority on the Pope as the "Chief shepherd of the church."[588] Before 538, Arian tribes prevented the Roman Catholic hierarchy and the Pope from assuming this level of power over Christendom. However, with the removal of the last Arian tribe by Belisarius in 538 AD, the commander of Emperor Justinian's army, the way was laid clear for the Pope to take full control.[589]

The year 538 shifted the then 'known' world into a theocracy or a church-state union. Before this, Roman Catholic doctrine influenced imperial policy. However, Justinian began enshrining Catholic doctrine into civil law. In 538 AD, Emperor Justinian declared himself primarily a theologian as opposed to

[587] International Theological Commission, *The Ecclesiastical Magisterium and Theology*, accessed December 18, 2025, https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/cti_documents/rc_cti_1975_magistero-teologia_en.html.
[588] Joshua Charles, "Papal Snapshot: Papal Authority Affirmed in Emperor Justinian's Civil Code of Law (533–34)," *Eternal Christendom*, no. 43 (May 16, 2024), accessed December 20, 2025, https://eternalchristendom.com/becoming-catholic/articles/number-43.
[589] Keum Young Ahn et al., "538 A.D. and the Transition from Pagan Roman Empire to Holy Roman Empire: Justinian's Metamorphosis from Chief of Staffs to Theologian," *International Journal of Humanities and Social Science* 7, no. 1 (January 2017): 44, accessed December 21, 2025, https://ijhss.thebrpi.org/journals/Vol_7_No_1_January_2017/7.pdf.

a military commander and became committed to uniting the Christian world under the authority of the Pope.[590]

As per Justinian's decree of 533 AD, he looked to the pope as the primary source of theology, which then informed the civil laws. He codified theological or religious beliefs into civil laws and attached penalties such as fines, loss of legal rights, and even capital punishment. Heresy was defined in secular legislation, and laws were made against pagans, heretics, and heterodox Christians.[591]

Justinian passed laws forbidding anyone from starting a house church in 538 AD. In that year, the Third Council of Orleans broadened the Sunday laws to prohibit those who were residing in rural settings from working (previously, rural employment on Sunday was permissible).[592] By 541 AD, Justinian in *Novellae*, no. 144 wrote, "And if any Samaritan, after having proved himself worthy to receive baptism, should return to his former error and be detected in observing the Sabbath, or in doing anything else which proves that he was only baptized through simulated conversion, We order that he shall be proscribed, and sentenced to exile for life."[593]

In the *Catholic Catechism* (the teaching book of the Roman Catholic Church), there are significant changes to the *Ten Commandments*. It removes the commandment to not make any carved image and bow down to it (typically known as the second commandment). Furthermore, it removes the words

[590] Ibid.
[591] J. M. Hussey, "Justinian I," *Encyclopedia Britannica*, November 10, 2025, accessed December 21, 2025, https://www.britannica.com/biography/Justinian-I/Ecclesiastical-policy.
[592] Keum Young Ahn et al., "538 A.D. and the Transition from Pagan Roman Empire to Holy Roman Empire: Justinian's Metamorphosis from Chief of Staffs to Theologian," *International Journal of Humanities and Social Science* 7, no. 1 (January 2017): 44, accessed December 21, 2025, https://ijhss.thebrpi.org/journals/Vol_7_No_1_January_2017/7.pdf.
[593] Justinian I, *Novellae*, no. 144, "Concerning the Samaritans," addressed to Diomedes, Praetorian Prefect, in *The Civil Law*, trans. S. P. Scott, vol. 17 (Cincinnati: Central Trust Company, 1932), accessed December 21, 2025, https://droitromain.univ-grenoble-alpes.fr/Anglica/N144_Scott.htm.

Sabbath and seventh-day and replaces them with Lord's day.[594] In the *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church* ("A faithful and sure synthesis of the Catechism of the Catholic Church"), they ask this question: "For what reason has the Sabbath been changed to Sunday for Christians?" The answer is,

> "The reason is because Sunday is the day of the Resurrection of Christ. As 'the first day of the week' (Mark 16:2) it recalls the first creation; and as the 'eighth day', which follows the sabbath, it symbolizes the new creation ushered in by the Resurrection of Christ. Thus, it has become for Christians the first of all days and of all feasts. It is the day of the Lord in which he with his Passover fulfilled the spiritual truth of the Jewish Sabbath and proclaimed man's eternal rest in God."[595]

Paul asserts that the celebration of Christ's resurrection is commemorated by baptism and the related process of new birth.[596] There is no injunction in Scripture to celebrate Jesus's resurrection through changing the day of worship that God Himself had chosen.

Pope John Paul II, in his apostolic letter, *Dies Domini*, clearly explains why the day for rest and worship has been changed to the first day of the week. He said, "This is why Christians, called as they are to proclaim the liberation won by the blood of Christ, felt that they had the authority to transfer the meaning of the Sabbath to the day of the Resurrection"[597] (emphasis supplied).

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[594] *Catechism of the Catholic Church,* United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, accessed December 18, 2025, https://usccb.cld.bz/Catechism-of-the-Catholic-Church.
[595] *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*, Vatican.va, accessed December 18, 2025, https://www.vatican.va/archive/compendium_ccc/documents/archive_2005_compendium-ccc_en.html.
[596] Romans 6:3–5.
[597] John Paul II, *Dies Domini: Apostolic Letter on Keeping the Lord's Day Holy*, July 5, 1998, Vatican.va, accessed December 18, 2025,

Bishop Fallon of London said this,

> "Now in the matter of Sabbath Observance the Protestant rule of Faith is utterly unable to explain the substitution of the Christian Sunday for the Jewish Saturday. It has been changed. The Bible still teaches that the Sabbath or Saturday should be kept holy. There is no authority in the New Testament for the substitution of Sunday for Saturday… We have in the authoritative voice of the [Roman Catholic] Church the voice of Christ Himself. The [Roman Catholic] Church is above the Bible; and this transference of Sabbath observance from Saturday to Sunday is proof positive of that fact. Deny the authority of the Church and you have no adequate or reasonable explanation or justification for the substitution of Sunday for Saturday in the Third—Protestant Fourth—Commandment of God…the Bible is silent on Sunday observance, it speaks only of Sabbath observance."[598]

There are three things in the Bible that God's hand has explicitly and physically shaped. The first was mankind,[599] another was God's pronouncement of judgment on Babylon (the enemy of His people),[600] and the other is the *Ten Commandments*.[601] Each of these things God alone has Lordship over, and no man has any sovereignty. However, the Roman Catholic Church, following in the footsteps of its Pagan predecessors, had proclaimed Sunday as the day of worship for all of Christendom. Pope Leo XIII, in his encyclical on Christian unity, identified why the Roman Catholic Church feels it is vested with the authority to change a Biblical injunction written with the "finger of God."[602] He said, "We hold upon this

https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/apost_letters/1998/documents/hf_jp-ii_apl_05071998_dies-domini.html.

[598] M. F. Fallon, Bishop of London, "The Catholic Record," *Catholic Record* 45, no. 2342 (September 1, 1923), 4, accessed September 23, 2024, https://www.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.8_06663_2342/4?r=0&s=4.

[599] Genesis 2:7.

[600] Daniel 5:5, 24–28.

[601] Exodus 31:18.

[602] Ibid.

Earth the place of God Almighty."[603] This is an entirely blasphemous statement.[604]

Unfortunately, the Papal claim of authority over the Scriptures to change the day of worship has been perpetuated throughout the centuries by the Protestant Churches and civil powers that claimed Protestantism.[605] However, the observance of Sunday worship is giving homage to:

1. The pagan Sun-god, which is a representation of Satan, something which God expressly forbids;
2. The falsely assumed authority of a man (the Pope) over God, which is entirely blasphemous to say or to endorse through practising Sunday worship; and
3. The supposed ability of man to make something (such as a day) holy through the declaration of man. This, in turn, assumes that man can make themselves holy through their own efforts.

Sunday worship is not Christian, is not supported by the Bible, and is in contradiction to the express commands of God. Furthermore, as God has set apart the seventh-day Sabbath to rest with His creation,[606] attempting to meet with God for that same purpose on a Sunday is arriving a day late; the worshipper misses out on the blessing that would have been obtained on the seventh day.[607]

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[603] Leo XIII, "Encyclical Letter: Praeclara Gratulationis Publicae (The Reunion of Christendom)," June 20, 1894, in *The Great Encyclical Letters of Leo XIII*, 2nd ed. (New York: Benziger Brothers, 1903), 304, accessed January 5, 2026, https://www.papalencyclicals.net/leo13/l13praec.htm.
[604] John 10:33; Revelation 13:1, 6.
[605] Law Reform Committee of South Australia, *Ninety-Second Report: Inherited Imperial Sunday Observance or Lord's Day Acts* (Adelaide: Government Printer, 1987), accessed December 12, page 2, 2025, https://law.adelaide.edu.au/system/files/2019-02/92-Inherited-Imperial-Sunday-Observance-or-Lords-Day-Acts.pdf.
M. F. Fallon, Bishop of London, "The Catholic Record," *Catholic Record* 45, no. 2342 (September 1, 1923), 4, accessed September 23, 2024, https://www.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.8_06663_2342/4?r=0&s=4.
[606] Genesis 2:1–3; Exodus 20:8–11.
[607] Revelation 22:14.

Why reject a mandated day of rest or worship?

The Bible begins with, "In the beginning God…"[608] The Bible ends with, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen."[609] What transpires in between is the revelation of the absolute Lordship of Jesus Christ, who is God as revealed by His creative ability,[610] His laws,[611] His sacrifice,[612] and His judgments.[613] Man should never legislate for that which pertains to God.[614]

In the creation week, God gave man their employment,[615] their diet,[616] and their day to rest and worship.[617] As evidenced by God placing the tree of knowledge of good and evil in Eden,[618] God always gives people the opportunity to reject any or all of His injunctions for as long as this Earth should last.[619]

Mandating a specific type of employment or diet would contravene individual liberty of conscience. Likewise, mandating a day of rest and worship that man must observe is a case of civil powers encroaching on the prerogative of God alone. Under personal conviction, a person may, in good conscience, decide they do not wish to have any rest or worship, or wish to rest or worship on a day that is not the identified mandated rest day, or want to work on the mandated rest or worship day.

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[608] Genesis 1:1.
[609] Revelation 22:21.
[610] Genesis 1, 2; Revelation 3:14; 14:7.
[611] Genesis 2:16–17; 26:5; Exodus 16:28; 20: 2–17; Revelation 12:17; 14:12; 22:14.
[612] Genesis 3:21; Revelation 13:8; Luke 23:46; Colossians 1:26.
[613] Genesis 3, 4, 6–7,19; Jude 1:7; Revelation 16.
[614] Matthew 22:21; Isaiah 33:22; James 4:12.
[615] Genesis 2:15.
[616] Genesis 1:29.
[617] Genesis 2:1–2; Exodus 20:8–11.
[618] Genesis 2:9.
[619] Deuteronomy 30:19; Joshua 24:15; Isaiah 65:12; Matthew 23:37; Revelation 3:20.

Any attempt to define or redefine rest days can lead to persecution. [620,621] The fourth of the *Ten Commandments* calls explicitly for the true Christian to work on a Sunday,[622] which for many countries is the mandated rest day. Nation-state laws ratified under Conventions 14 and 106 of the ILO do not allow for every exception. Therefore, it is essential that Christians reject all attempts by civil powers to mandate specific days for rest or worship.

Bible prophecy identifies the Mark of the Beast and its associated laws of 'no buy and no sell' as being associated with a matter of worship.[623] One of the distinguishing signs of those who do not receive the Mark of the Beast is that they keep the commandments of God.[624] Moreover, they recognise the Lordship of Jesus Christ and His creative (and consequently recreative or redemptive) ability.[625] There is only one of the *Ten Commandments* that pertains specifically to worship that establishes the Lordship of Jesus[626] and His creative and redemptive ability,[627] but has specifically been forgotten by most Christians. Only one of the *Ten Commandments* has the UN and UN member states had the audacity to enact instruments and laws to promote observance contrary to it. There is only one of the *Ten Commandments* that the Papacy, with the assumption of divine prerogative, has indicated is a sign of its authority over the Scriptures and protestant Churches.[628] This

[620] D. A. Robinson, "Persecution in Great Britain," *Review and Herald* 72, no. 10 (March 5, 1895): 156, accessed December 21, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/RH/RH18950305-V72-10.pdf.
[621] Raymond L. Coombe, "Sunday Trading Threatens Religious Freedom," *Australian Adventist Record* 97, no. 23 (June 20, 1992): 6, accessed December 21, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/AAR/AAR19920620-V97-23.pdf.
[622] Exodus 20:9.
[623] Revelation 13:15–18.
[624] Revelation 12:17; 14:12; 22:14.
[625] Revelation 3:14–21; 14:7–13; 15:1–3; 17:14.
[626] Exodus 20:10; Luke 6:5.
[627] Exodus 20:11; Hebrews 11:3–16.
[628] M. F. Fallon, Bishop of London, "The Catholic Record," *Catholic Record* 45, no. 2342 (September 1, 1923), 4, accessed September 23, 2024, https://www.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.8_06663_2342/4?r=0&s=4.

one commandment is the fourth, seventh-day Sabbath commandment.

The ancient Israelites, who were taken into captivity for failing to keep the seventh-day Sabbath, were also engaged in Sun worship.[629] The Bible, as well as historical evidence, suggests that the final workings of the beast and image of the beast of Revelation 13 will be an enforced day of worship, otherwise known as the Sunday law.

GC and its entities undermine Sabbath liberty.

Summary: The GC and related entities have aligned with UN instruments, allowing state control of worship and rest days, subordinating biblical Seventh-day Sabbath liberty to international law.

GC Official Statements

- In the 1995 *Tolerance* statement, the GC endorsed the UN *Year of Tolerance*[630] and thereby affirmed related declarations,[631] including the *Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief*, which allows governments to restrict religious practice. Article 1.3 says, "Freedom to manifest one's religion or belief may be subject only to such limitations as are prescribed by law and are necessary to protect public safety, order, health or morals or the fundamental rights and freedoms of others." Moreover, article 8

[629] Ezekiel 8; 2 Chronicles 36:21.
[630] General Conference Administrative Committee, "Tolerance," June 29, 1995, accessed October 12, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/tolerance. This statement says, "Seventh-day Adventists support the United Nations proclamation of 1995 as the *Year of Tolerance*."
[631] UNESCO, "Declaration of Principles on Tolerance," 1995, accessed October 12, 2025, https://www.unesco.org/en/legal-affairs/declaration-principles-tolerance. The year of tolerance (1995) marked the 50th anniversary of the UN and UNESCO. This declaration was written to define what the UN believed represented tolerance. In it's preamble it lists related UN instruments (documents) that help to define tolerance. Two of the documents listed include, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance Based on Religion or Belief both of which limit religious liberty and liberty of conscience.

says, "Nothing in the present Declaration shall be construed as restricting or derogating from any right defined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenants on Human Rights."[632] This means that Article 29 of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, which removes all rights that run contrary to the goals of the UN, overrides any rights outlined in the *Declaration on Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and Discrimination.*

- In the 1995 *Religious Freedom* statement, the GC promotes freedom of conscience "in harmony with the instruments of the United Nations."[633] As already discussed, the UN instruments require nation-states to enact legislation on rest days based on the worship norms, traditions, and customs that prevail within that country.
- The 1998 GC's statement titled *50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,*[634] gives carte blanche endorsement of this instrument of the UN. It therefore sanctions Article 29.c, which states, "These rights and freedoms may in no case be exercised

[632] UN General Assembly, "Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief" (Article 1.3), November 25, 1981, accessed October 12, 2025, https://www.ohchr.org/en/instruments-mechanisms/instruments/declaration-elimination-all-forms-intolerance-and-discrimination.
[633] General Conference Administrative Committee, "Religious Freedom," June 29, 1995, accessed October 12, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/religious-freedom. This statement says, "We recognize the need to champion freedom of conscience and religion as a fundamental human right, in harmony with the instruments of the United Nations." "As loyal citizens, Adventists believe they have the right to freedom of religion, subject to the equal rights of others."
[634] General Conference Administrative Committee, "50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights," November 17, 1998, accessed October 12, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/50th-anniversary-of-the-universal-declaration-of-human-rights.

contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations."[635]

- The 1999 *Religious Minorities and Religious Freedom* statement defines religious liberty in terms of the *International Bill of Rights* and related UN instruments, [636] which includes the *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights*, which reiterates that freedom of religion may be lawfully limited for public order, safety, health, or morals.[637]

PARL and related religious liberty entities, activities, and articles

- In 1945, Dr Nussbaum attended the first meeting to establish the UN San Francisco conference, as a representative of the GC of Seventh-day Adventists, and at the expense of the Church.[638] When "asked by the French minister, Jean-Paul Boncour, "What interests do you defend?" he answered, "I do not defend any interests, but a principle: the principle of religious liberty."[639] He did not faithfully represent the SDA church or God. He then became a member of the ECOSOC group tasked with addressing human

[635] United Nations, "Universal Declaration of Human Rights" (Article 29), 1948, accessed October 12, 2025, https://www.un.org/en/about-us/universal-declaration-of-human-rights.
[636] General Conference Executive Committee, "Religious Minorities and Religious Freedom," September 29, 1999, accessed October 12, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/religious-minorities-and-religious-freedom.
[637] UN General Assembly, "International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights" (Article 18.3), December 16, 1966, accessed October 12, 2025, https://www.ohchr.org/en/instruments-mechanisms/instruments/international-covenant-civil-and-political-rights. Article 18.3 says, "Freedom to manifest one's religion or beliefs may be subject only to such limitations as are prescribed by law and are necessary to protect public safety, order, health, or morals or the fundamental rights and freedoms of others."
[638] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *General Conference Committee Minutes, March 1945* (Washington, D.C.: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 1945), 1809, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1945-03.pdf.
[639] *History – The International Association for the Defence of Religious Liberty (AIDLR)*, AIDLR, accessed December 11, 2025, https://promesa.pro/history.

rights concerns in close partnership with Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt.[640]

- In 1961, the World Council of Churches (WCC) began agitating for a declaration to eliminate international religious intolerance.[641] After that, a "working group that had been assigned by the UN *Commission on Human Rights* to prepare the declaration" was formed. This involved representatives of UN member states, including the Holy See, and European SDA PARL leaders, and representatives of the Seventh-day Adventist-run AIDLR, and the President of the Italian Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. In 1981, that group released the *Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief*.[642]

[640] Ibid.
[641] D. Douglas Devnich, "Christian Friends Cooperate on Religious Tolerance," *Messenger* 57, no. 3 (March 1988): 14–15, 14, accessed December 21, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/CUM/CUM19880301-V57-03.pdf.
[642] Gianfranco Rossi, "Adventists and the Struggle for Human Rights," *Adventist Review* 179, no. 6 (February 7, 2002): 30–33, accessed December 21, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/RH/RH20020207-V179-06.pdf.
History – The International Association for the Defence of Religious Liberty (AIDLR), AIDLR, accessed December 11, 2025, https://promesa.pro/history.

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Liberty Vs Coercion

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."[643]

Seventh-day Adventists believe in the Biblical view of Liberty

Summary: Seventh-day Adventists uphold liberty of conscience and liberty of religion defined by the Bible and reject all attempts to coerce people on matters of conscience, which conflicts with UN policies.

Seventh-day Adventist beliefs regarding religious liberty and liberty of conscience include the following:

- All people are accountable to God alone in matters of worship,[644] including Seventh-day Sabbath observance,[645] obedience to the divine law,[646] and health stewardship.[647]
- Religious convictions should never be subjected to the group, but rather to the personal relationship between God and the individual man, informed by Scripture and under the influence of the Holy Spirit.[648]

[643] John 8:36.
[644] Exodus 20:1–5; Isaiah 33:22; James 4:12; Romans 14:5–12.
[645] Exodus 31:14; Fundamental Belief 19. See General Conference Ministerial Association, *Seventh-day Adventists Believe: A Biblical Exposition of Fundamental Doctrines*, 2nd ed. (Nampa, ID: Review and Herald Publishing Association, 2018). For summary statements on the Biblical understanding of scripture held by Seventh-day Adventists (Fundamental Beliefs), see "What We Believe," Seventh-day Adventist Church, accessed October 12, 2025, https://adventist.org.au/statements-of-belief.
[646] Ezekiel 18:4, 20; Fundamental Belief 22. See *Seventh-day Adventists Believe* and "What We Believe" (above footnote).
[647] 1 Corinthians 6:19.
[648] Romans 8:14; 14:5, 12; 1 John 2:27; 2 Timothy 3:16; Exodus 23:2; 1 Timothy 2:5; Acts 17:11.

- As Earth's history nears its close, prophecy foretells a coercive, legislated assault on worship through the enforcement of Sunday rest as the "mark of the beast."[649]
- The biblical books of Daniel and Revelation identify the Papacy and a similar religio-political institution (the image of the beast) as the religious powers behind the enforcement of the mark of the beast[650].

Religious Liberty and Liberty of Conscience

The Bible teaches that in matters of conscience, "We ought to obey God rather than men."[651] As such, many Seventh-day Adventists believe that matters of worship must be guided by the Holy Spirit and not by human mandates.[652] Religious liberty includes the freedom to practice one's religion according to one's convictions in a manner that does not prevent another person from having equivalent freedom.

Although related to religious liberty, liberty of conscience is not identical. The conscience is the sacred place of the heart[653] or mind[654] to which the Holy Spirit speaks in order to convict the individual on the morality of a matter.[655] Therefore, liberty of conscience is the God-given inner freedom of the individual to think about, believe, and decide whether or not something is a moral issue —to be dealt with at the level of the conscience— and how they should respond to it.[656] For this reason, religious liberty is not confined to freedom to worship but includes any aspect of a person's life that is done for the glory of God.

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[649] Revelation 13:15–17; Ellen G. White, *The Great Controversy between Christ and Satan*, (Mountain View, CA: Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1911), chaps. 35–38. See the chapter Day for Rest & Worship.
[650] Ellen G. White, *The Great Controversy Between Christ and Satan* (Mountain View, CA: Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1911), 442–445.
[651] Acts 5:29.
[652] 1 Corinthians 6:19.
[653] Acts 2:37.
[654] Romans 14:5
[655] John 8:9; John 16:7–8
[656] Romans 14:12; 1 Corinthians 8:9–12; James 4:17

This principle was approximated in the United States Declaration of Independence by the phrase, "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness", and approximated again in the United States Bill of Rights. It is the duty of the State to protect both religious liberty and liberty of conscience, and it is the remit of the Church to support the protection of both these freedoms.

Why is a Biblical view of Religious Liberty Important?

Bible prophecy indicates that the last significant issue to confront mankind is religious liberty.[657] If we are to be faithful to Jesus Christ, we need to understand His view of religious liberty; otherwise, we are in a very real danger of partaking of strange doctrines[658] that cause us to receive and enforce the Mark of the Beast.

As Jesus is the way, and the truth,[659] His definition of religious liberty is the only one that we as Christian's should accept. People can use the words 'religious liberty,' but could in fact be referring to tolerance for a temporary favor, limited liberty for those that are like them, or liberty that is subjected to state regulation.

God has always given the individual the freedom to reject or accept His laws and has laid down His life to provide us with that freedom. When Adam and Eve sinned, death should have been the immediate result, but Jesus Christ made provision for their rebellion by being "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."[660] From ancient times, He has said, "I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee."[661]

[657] Revelation 12–18.
[658] Revelation 14:8; 17:2; 18:3.
[659] John 14:6.
[660] Revelation 13:8.
[661] Jeremiah 31:3.

God does not coerce or compel any man to follow His laws. When it comes to the end of the world, those who have rejected Jesus Christ, His truth, and His love, will of their own free will choose to die rather than to live in eternity with Him.[662]

The political powers of this Earth are in opposition to Jesus Christ and His people.[663] The primary objective of the final powers of the Earth is to rally all humanity to war against Jesus Christ and His followers.[664] They work by casting truth to the ground[665] and seeking to sit on the throne of Jesus (in our hearts).[666] It does this through human policy[667] for the sake of greed and aggrandizement.[668] As a consequence, it does not demonstrate self-sacrificing love that would indicate that it has our best interest at heart.[669] Thus, in the final parts of Earth's history, "religious liberty" will only be granted to those who are willing to be compelled or coerced by the collective or those who are in positions of power.[670] What will be permitted as Christianity in that day, will be that which has been defined by the state rather than by the Bible.

The UN advocates coercive control measures.

Summary: The UN's legal framework creates a supranational authority that can override national and individual autonomy to enforce conformity with its vision of the common good.

The UN, through its Charter and subsequent policy instruments, articulates a *universalist framework of governance* wherein the collective will of the international community may,

[662] Proverbs 8:36; Revelation 6:16; 9:6; Ezekiel 18:31; 33:11; 1 Peter 3:9; Isaiah 28:21; Jeremiah 13:17.
[663] Psalms 2:1–3.
[664] Revelation 16:14–16; 17:14.
[665] Daniel 8:12.
[666] Daniel 8:25; Isaiah 14:12–14; Revelation 13:15; Romans 10:8; Luke 17:21; Colossians 1:27.
[667] Daniel 8:25.
[668] Revelation 18:3.
[669] 1 John 3:16.
[670] Revelation 13:11; Revelation 17:6.

in circumstances deemed necessary, supersede individual or national autonomy.

- Under Chapter VII of the Charter, the Security Council is expressly authorized to impose coercive enforcement measures—including economic, political, or military—to secure compliance with resolutions adopted in the name of maintaining "international peace and security."[671] Such powers, though directed at States, extend indirectly to the individual citizen by shaping domestic legislation, economic policy, and civil liberties in conformity with global mandates.
- The *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, the *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights*, and associated UN instruments establish binding expectations upon States to align their laws that impact liberty of conscience, expression, and conduct with collectively defined "international standards."[672]
- In the *2005 World Summit Outcome Resolution A/RES/60/1,* paragraphs 138 and 139 reaffirm the "Responsibility to Protect," under which coercive action may be authorized to enforce collective obligations against "crimes against humanity" which is a nebulous, ill-defined term and may be used to

[671] United Nations, "United Nations Charter" (Chapters I & VII, esp. Articles 1, 2, 25, 39–51), 1945, accessed October 8, 2025, https://www.un.org/en/about-us/un-charter/full-text. These authorize collective enforcement measures.
[672] United Nations, "Universal Declaration of Human Rights" (Preamble and Articles 28–29), 1948, accessed October 8, 2025, https://www.un.org/en/about-us/universal-declaration-of-human-rights. These assert that individual rights exist only within duties to the community.
United Nations, "International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights," 1966, accessed October 8, 2025, https://www.ohchr.org/en/instruments-mechanisms/instruments/international-covenant-civil-and-political-rights. This allows restriction of certain freedoms where necessary for public order, health, or morals.

refer to non-compliance in matters of conscience that go against what the UN deems the "common good."[673]

- It was under the guidance of the World Health Organization (WHO) that the member states of the UN adopted vaccine mandates during the COVID-19 pandemic to comply with the WHO Global COVID-19 Vaccination strategy.[674]

  The WHO strategy outlined "The urgent actions required by the global community to vaccinate 70% of the world's population against COVID-19 by mid-2022."[675] One of the principles that the WHO suggested in achieving this objective was "Social measures"[676] which is a clear euphemism for mandates, since no other social measures were used. WHO claimed that with the right investments, it was feasible to vaccinate all adults in a country.[677]

  WHO advanced the idea that every country should be globally aligned and coordinated in its strategy to target specific adult groups for vaccination before moving to adolescent groups.[678] They spoke about achieving the uptake in vaccination by "mobilization of population demand" for the vaccination[679] and establishing vaccine targets and plans (including dose requirements).[680] This was clearly reflected in vaccine mandates that prevented people from working, studying, accessing necessary medical

[673] United Nations General Assembly, "2005 World Summit Outcome," Resolution A/RES/60/1 (Paras. 138–139), September 16, 2005, accessed October 8, 2025, https://www.un.org/en/development/desa/population/migration/generalassembly/docs/globalcompact/A_RES_60_1.pdf.
[674] World Health Organization, *Strategy to Achieve Global COVID-19 Vaccination by Mid-2022* (Geneva: World Health Organization, 2021), accessed December 21, 2025 https://cdn.who.int/media/docs/default-source/immunization/covid-19/strategy-to-achieve-global-covid-19-vaccination-by-mid-2022.pdf.
[675] Ibid., 4.
[676] Ibid., 5.
[677] Ibid.
[678] Ibid., 6.
[679] Ibid., 8.
[680] Ibid., 9.

services, denied them the right to visit family, and removed access to common 'non-essential' services and experiences, such as travel and dining out.

The WHO strategy plan called Civil Society actors (a term used to refer to NGOs such as the GC), community organizations, and the private sector to cooperate with the nation's vaccine programs by helping to "generate strong vaccine demand and address misinformation and misperceptions that contribute to vaccine hesitancy."[681]

WHO committed itself to providing support to achieve the global vaccine targets, including by directly supporting countries with their vaccine delivery programs.[682]

- In 1965, Pope Paul VI, addressed the UN General Assembly for the first time. The Secretary General had invited him to address the UN General Assembly to combat a rising lack of confidence in the peace efforts of the UN after the protracted wars in Vietnam and Korea.[683] The Pope made the following statements in his speech,

  > "We [the Papacy and the Roman Catholic Church] have an awareness of living through a privileged moment — brief though it be — when a wish borne in our heart for almost twenty centuries is being accomplished. Yes, you recall it. We have been on our way for a long time and we bring a long history with us. Here we are celebrating the epilogue to a laborious pilgrimage in search of an opportunity to speak heart to heart with the whole world. It began on the day when we were

[681] Ibid., 11.
[682] Ibid., 12.
[683] Francis D. Nichol, "Pope Paul Addresses the United Nations," *Review and Herald* 142, no. 42 (October 21, 1965): 1, 8–9, accessed December 21, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/RH/RH19651021-V142-42.pdf.

> commanded: «Go, bring the good news to all nations.» You are the ones who represent all nations."[684]
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> "This edifice that you have built must never again fall into ruins: it must be improved upon and adapted to the demands which the history of the world will make upon it. You mark a stage in the development of mankind. Henceforth, it is impossible to go back; you must go forward."[685]
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> "You are an association, a bridge between peoples, a network of relations between States. We are tempted to say that in a way this characteristic of yours reflects in the temporal order what our Catholic Church intends to be in the spiritual order: one and universal."[686]

The Holy See is only one of 6 permanent Nation States that can participate in all aspects of the UN. The only limitation on the Holy See is its ability to vote within the General Assembly.[687] The influence of the Holy See is significant, with the UN leadership looking to the Pope and Holy See for guidance and collaboration on building a "peaceful, just and sustainable world."[688] At a recent meeting between the Pope and the UN Secretary-General, the latter said the Pope "Is

[684] Paul VI, *Visit of His Holiness to the United Nations: Address of His Holiness Pope Paul VI to the United Nations Organization*, Vatican.va, October 4, 1965, accessed December 21, 2025, https://www.vatican.va/content/paul-vi/en/speeches/1965/documents/hf_p-vi_spe_19651004_united-nations.html.
[685] Ibid.
[686] Ibid.
[687] Holy See Mission to the United Nations, *The Status of the Holy See at the United Nations*, accessed December 21, 2025, https://holyseemission.org/contents/mission/mission-55e37172a07413.52517830.php.
[688] United Nations, "Activities of the Secretary-General in Vatican City, 11 June," UN Press, June 11, 2025, accessed December 18, 2025, https://press.un.org/en/2025/sgt3430.doc.htm.

> a messenger of hope and dignity that our world needs more than ever."[689]
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> Any institution allied with the Papacy inevitably mirrors its philosophy of the "common good" and its methods of coercion contrary to liberty of conscience.[690] The Papacy has a history of persecuting those who dissent from its ideals of the common good.[691]

Why reject all types of coercive control?

The Biblical injunction is, "As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise."[692]

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[689] United Nations (@UnitedNations), "On Wednesday, United Nations Secretary-General…," LinkedIn post, [June 11, 2025], accessed December 30, 2025, https://www.linkedin.com/posts/united-nations_on-wednesday-united-nations-secretary-general-activity-7338641201199214595-qjAj.

[690] CatholicCulture.org, "Catechism of the Catholic Church," recnum 431, n.d., accessed October 12, 2025, https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/catechism/index.cfm?recnum=431.
Leo XIII, *Libertas*, Encyclical of Pope Leo XIII, On the Nature of Human Liberty, June 20, 1888, accessed October 8, 2025, https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_l-xiii_enc_20061888_libertas.html. Pope Leo XIII said, "But if, in such circumstances, for the sake of the common good (and this is the only legitimate reason), human law may or even should tolerate evil."
Gary W. Cox and Vidal Figueroa, "The Inquisition and the Decline of Science in Spain," *Explorations in Economic History* 98, article 101604 (October 2025), accessed October 8, 2025, https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0014498325000464. This research article discusses the significant negative impact on the field of science due to the persecuting powers of the Spanish Inquisition.
Paul Omerod and Andrew P. Roach, "The Medieval Inquisition: Scale-Free Networks and the Suppression of Heresy," *Physica A: Statistical Mechanics and Its Applications* 339 (2004): 645–652, accessed October 8, 2025, https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0378437104003048. This research article discusses the use of the inquisition of the Roman Catholic Church to suppress what they deemed to be heresy.
Law Reform Committee of South Australia, "Inherited Imperial Sunday Observance or Lords' Day Acts," 1987, accessed October 8, 2025, https://law.adelaide.edu.au/system/files/2019-02/92-Inherited-Imperial-Sunday-Observance-or-Lords-Day-Acts.pdf.

[691] R. I. Moore, *The Formation of a Persecuting Society: Power and Deviance in Western Europe, 950–1250* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007).

[692] Luke 6:31.

Scientific research has indicated that a diet free from ultra-processed foods leads to better health outcomes[693] which in turn would decrease the burden on medical systems such as hospitals. It could be deemed in the best interests of the community for governments to mandate diets with minimal or no use of processed foods. Likewise, scientific research advocates the use of insects for human consumption. It has been promoted as improving not only global food security but also overall environmental sustainability and community health outcomes, and reducing financial strain on the community.[694] Thus, a mandate requiring the consumption of insects or their by-products would, in the minds of some, be considered advantageous to the community, helping prevent human deaths and environmental harm.

When we consider mandates that impinge on bodily autonomy or liberty of conscience, each person has an idea of the 'line' over which they do not wish to be compelled or coerced. Thus, mandates stipulating dietary requirements may be perfectly acceptable to some but not acceptable to others. However, the fact that there is even a 'line' indicates that it is a matter of individual conscience.

The conscience is the realm of our psyche or mental processing (sometimes referred to as our 'heart') that should only be subject to the influence of the Holy Spirit.[695] No other human should be given jurisdiction over our conscience. As Christians, we should do all that we can to uphold the liberties of every individual that enables them to act out that which the Holy Spirit convicts them to do, in harmony with the Scriptures.[696]

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[693] Melissa M. Lane et al., "Ultra-processed Food Exposure and Adverse Health Outcomes: Umbrella Review of Epidemiological Meta-analyses," *BMJ* 384 (2024): bmj-2023-077310, accessed December 21, 2025, https://www.bmj.com/content/384/bmj-2023-077310.
[694] Owusu Fordjour Aidoo et al., "Insects as Food and Medicine: A Sustainable Solution for Global Health and Environmental Challenges," *Frontiers in Nutrition* 10 (June 14, 2023): 1113219, doi:10.3389/fnut.2023.1113219, accessed December 21, 2025, https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC10303143.
[695] John 16:8–13; Romans 2:14–16; 8:16; Hebrews 3:7–8; 9:14; Galatians 5:16–17; Acts 24:16; Revelation 3:20
[696] Isaiah 8:20.

Not all things are addressed explicitly in the Scriptures (e.g., vaccination); however, the Holy Spirit can reason with a person and reveal principles that are in harmony with Scripture and appropriate for their personal circumstances. In such cases, the Holy Spirit may convict one person to pursue an entirely different path from that which He convicts another person to pursue. Both should be at liberty to pursue their individual conviction.

To quote the words of a Lutheran Pastor who learned the hard way, during World War II, the importance of maintaining the liberty of conscience of all individuals,

> *"First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a Socialist. Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a Trade Unionist. Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me."*[697]

The GC and related entities endorse UN coercive measures.

Summary: Through its Official Statements and partnerships, the GC and related entities have progressively aligned with UN governance principles, implicitly legitimizing the UN's coercive global framework and policy agenda within its institutional practice.

GC Official Statements

- The 1990 statement on the *Ban on Sales of Assault Weapons to Civilians* says, "Pursuits of peace and the preservation of life are to be the goals of Christians.

[697] Harold Marcuse, *The Origin and Reception of Martin Niemöller's Quotation "First They Came for the Communists ..."*, University of California, Santa Barbara, version July 31, 2014, accessed December 21, 2025, https://marcuse.faculty.history.ucsb.edu/projects/niem/articles/Marcuse2014NiemoellerQuote147gWeb.pdf.

Evil cannot be effectively met with evil, but must be overcome with good. Seventh-day Adventists, with other people of good will, wish to cooperate in using every legitimate means of reducing, and eliminating where possible, the root causes of crime"[698] (emphasis supplied). It is not possible, through human means, to reduce or eliminate the root cause of crime, which is sin. Therefore, the emphasised portion of this statement implies a coercive spirit that is not informed by Biblical beliefs, but rather a nebulous, and not necessarily Christian, notion of "good will."

- The *Tolerance* statement of 1995 supports the UN's 1995 *Year of Tolerance*, reflecting the GC's acceptance of UN-framed coercive moral initiatives.[699]
- *The Dangers of Climate Change* (1995) statement, the GC "calls upon governments to adopt public policies and laws that will lead to the reduction of human-caused climate change" and urges them to act "forcefully" to secure compliance with global environmental goals. This is language that mirrors the UN's own call for legally enforceable international action.[700]
- The 1998 statement commemorating the *50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, the GC called upon "governments, religious leaders, and people of influence to consistently work for the implementation of this Declaration," thereby

[698] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *Statement on Ban on Sales of Assault Weapons to Civilians,* accessed December 19, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/ban-on-sales-of-assault-weapons-to-civilians.
[699] General Conference Administrative Committee, "Tolerance," June 29, 1995, accessed October 12, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/tolerance.
[700] General Conference Administrative Committee, "The Dangers of Climate Change," December 19, 1995, accessed October 12, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/the-dangers-of-climate-change.

affirming UN coercive human-rights norms as binding standards for civic life.[701]

- In its 1999 statement on *Religious Minorities and Religious Freedom*, the GC expressly endorses Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, committing to "cooperate with the United Nations Human Rights Commission and other international agencies … to encourage every nation to implement the fundamental right of religious freedom."[702] Once again, this aligns the GC with a false conception of liberty of conscience.

GC Activities

- The GC's participation through a UN Liaison Committee, under its Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department, embeds it institutionally within UN policy discourse.[703]
- GC President, Jan Paulson, welcomed the assistant to the UN's special rapporteur on religious intolerance to the GC headquarters in 2000. President Paulson stated the following during that visit: "It was good to strengthen the ties between the UN and our community," and "We have made a determined effort to increase our presence in the United Nations and other bodies that support the cause of religious liberty." When speaking with the UN representative, Paulson said, "We commend your ministry on behalf of the needs of mankind, those whom you are caring

[701] General Conference Administrative Committee, "50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights," November 17, 1998, accessed October 12, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/50th-anniversary-of-the-universal-declaration-of-human-rights.
[702] Annual Council of the General Conference Executive Committee, "Religious Minorities and Religious Freedom," September 29, 1999, accessed October 12, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/religious-minorities-and-religious-freedom.
[703] South Pacific Division, "PARL and the United Nations Liaison Committee," 2021, accessed October 8, 2025, https://parl.adventistchurch.com/un-liaison-committee-june-25-2020.

for in this vital area."[704] This once again places the UN as a leading voice on religious liberty, not defined by Biblical injunctions.

- An article written in ANN by the GC *Department of Health Ministries* said, they hoped that "As a church, while we support evidence-based public health recommendations, we are also careful not to make pronouncements that may be construed as replacing national and international public health guidelines."[705] Here, the autonomy of an individual to exercise their liberty of conscience or religious liberty is, according to the GC, meant to be subject to the state.

Activities and Articles of GC-related Entities

- In June 1987, the WCC approached the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada to be involved in a working group that liaised with the Canadian government to attempt to bring in legally enforceable international laws in relation to religious tolerance.[706]
- In 1999, the PARL department, in its statement of purpose, said that it "Is involved in government relations, inter-church contacts and, where indicated, networks with non-governmental organizations which have kindred goals in upholding religious freedom." Moreover, it said its responsibilities included, "Appropriate strategic contacts and

[704] Jonathan Gallagher, "Church President Welcomes Human Rights Expert, Affirms Commitment," *Adventist News Network*. December 5, 2000, accessed December 10, 2025, https://adventist.news/news/church-president-welcomes-human-rights-expert-affirms-commitment.
[705] Adventist News Network (ANN), "COVID-19 Vaccines: Addressing Concerns, Offering Counsel," December 18, 2020, accessed October 12, 2025, https://adventist.news/news/covid-19-vaccines-addressing-concerns-offering-counsel.
[706] D. Douglas Devnich, "Christian Friends Cooperate on Religious Tolerance," *Messenger* 57, no. 3 (March 1988): 14–15, 14, accessed December 21, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/CUM/CUM19880301-V57-03.pdf.

relationships with various governments, the United Nations, especially the Economic and Social Council and the Human Rights Commission, and the United States Congress and State Department." [707] Once again, the reference to 'kindred goals' fails to appreciate the critical difference between Biblically defined religious freedom and those definitions provided by secular sources or other religions, which are in opposition to the Bible.

- In 2014, a report by the *Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities* (JLI), listed ADRA as one of the organizations that facilitated the implementation of the UN *Immunization Agenda*. This report, which ADRA and Loma Linda contributed to, suggested that there is no legitimate reason for someone to use "'personal belief exemptions'" to avoid immunization mandates, as they "are often used as a cover for other reasoning."[708] The report sought to invalidate the individual conviction that a person might have from the working of the Holy Spirit on the conscience. In 2016, the JLI identified ADRA Australia as one of its major financial supporters during the time of that report.[709] ADRA was also on the board of JLI at that time.[710]

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[707] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *General Conference Committee Minutes, September–October 1999 (ACc)* (Silver Spring, MD: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 1999), 99-192, accessed December 17, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1999-09-10ACc.pdf.
[708] Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities, *Local Faith Communities and Immunization for Community and Health Systems Strengthening*, scoping review, compiled by Jill Olivier, version August 2014, https://jliflc.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/LOCAL-FAITH-COMMUNITIES-AND-IMMUNIZATION-FOR-COMMUNITY-AND-HEALTH-SYSTEMS.pdf.
[709] *Annual Report, Joint Learning Initiative on Faith & Local Communities 2016* (New York: Joint Learning Initiative on Faith & Local Communities, 2016), accessed December 21, 2025, https://agendaforhumanity.org/sites/default/files/2016%20Annual%20Report%20-final_0.pdf.
[710] Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities. *The Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities*. Washington, DC: Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities, 2014, accessed December 22, 2025, https://jliflc.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/The-Joint-Learning-Initiative-on-Faith-and-Local-Communities.pdf.

- Dr. Liviu Olteanu, who was simultaneously the PARL director for the European Division between 2011 and 2021 and the Secretary General of AIDLR[711] wrote a letter to the Secretary General of the UN in 2014 on behalf of AIDLR. He stated, "I believe by joining people of politics, religion and beliefs, diplomacy, academics and civil society levels, we can do an important work for human rights and religious freedom, tolerance and respect, mutual understanding and peace in the entire world." [712]
- In 2020, the South England Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church gave evidence to the *Joint Committee on Human Rights Inquiry on Implications of Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccinations*. The topic they addressed was whether vaccines should be compulsory or consensual. This was the recommendation of the South England Conference,

> "A delicate balance needs to be struck between compulsion and consent for the common good of the whole society, and an action plan will need to be taken now if it is not to be done later in haste. I will seek in this call to use evidence-based arguments drawn from international law — specifically the Siracusa Principles, the European Convention on Human Rights and the UK Human Rights Act 1998 — to provide the reasonable steps which need to be taken to ensure that

Joint Learning Initiative on Faith & Local Communities, *Annual Report 2016* (New York: Joint Learning Initiative on Faith & Local Communities, 2016), accessed via Agenda for Humanity website, December 22, 2025, https://agendaforhumanity.org/sites/default/files/2016%20Annual%20Report%20-final_0.pdf.

[711] Ambassadors 4 Dignity and Freedom Foundation "Founder & President / CEO," accessed December 9, 2025, https://www.ambassadors4dignity.org/president.

[712] Liviu Olteanu, "International Association for the Defense of Religious Liberty — Correspondence with General Secretary of the United Nations (2014)," Item S-1959-0172-0003-00026, United Nations Archives, accessed December 9, 2025, https://search.archives.un.org/uploads/r/united-nations-archives/0/8/8/088a25b0d216db63f78827eaf3b941fa7b90dd470c2093baaed45461825d70a6/S-1959-0172-0003-00026.pdf.

> interventions by the Government to address the COVID-19 pandemic are compliant with human rights."[713]

What are the Siracusa Principles? Under the UN *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights* (ICCPR), UN member states may restrict individuals' rights in response to officially proclaimed public emergencies that threaten the life of the nation. Those restrictions are permitted when it is believed that they are "strictly required by the exigencies [urgent need/demand] of the situation."[714]

The Bible never presents a 'balance' between compulsion and consent for the "common good of the whole society." Consent is mutually exclusive from compulsion and vice versa. Invoking the Siracusa Principles to talk about issues of bodily autonomy demonstrates a departure from the Biblical principles of religious liberty.

- In 2021, the *Global Affairs Report,* a Seventh-day Adventist current affairs broadcast hosted by Hope Channel,[715] and also listed on the IRLA website, ran a program called *Covid Vaccines and Personal Choice*. On that program, Dr Peter Landless, Executive Director for the GC *Adventist Health Ministries*, encouraged everyone to take the "safe and effective" vaccines. Later in the program, Nicholas Miller, *Director of the*

[713] South England Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, *"Evidence to the Joint Committee on Human Rights Inquiry on Implications of Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccinations: Human Rights Compliance — Compulsory or Consensual?"* July 20, 2020, accessed December 11, 2025, https://sec.adventist.uk/contact/press/sec-evidence-to-the-uk-parliament-on-human-rights-implications-on-covid-19-mandatory-vaccination. Written evidence submitted to the UK Parliament Joint Committee on Human Rights.
[714] United Nations General Assembly, *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights*, G.A. Res. 2200A (XXI), December 16, 1966, art. 4, accessed December 21, 2025, https://www.ohchr.org/en/instruments-mechanisms/instruments/international-covenant-civil-and-political-rights.
[715] Hope Channel, *Global Affairs Today*, accessed December 25, 2025, https://hopetv.org/shows/global-affairs-today.

International Religious Liberty Institute at Andrews University, echoed almost verbatim the JLI report's sentiment that there were no religious traditions/denominations that had documented doctrinal objections to vaccines; therefore, religious liberty or liberty of conscience objections were not valid.[716] This was conflating personal religious conviction with institutional dictates.

[716] International Religious Liberty Association, *Global Affairs Today*, accessed December 25, 2025, https://www.irla.org/global-affairs-today-irla?id=2069. Begin at the 11 minute mark.

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Prophetic Fulfilment

Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. [717]

Prophecy identifies a spiritual-political union.

Summary: End-time Bible prophecies depict a spiritual union, joined with governments, allied against Christ—a pattern reflected in the UN's global confederation. This makes the Church's association with it theologically incompatible.

- Revelation 16:12–14 predicts an end-time threefold union that gathers "the kings of the Earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty." This war is once again referred to in Revelation 17:14. Both the three-fold union of Revelation 16:13–14 that joins with the kings of the world, and the powers of Revelation 17 that likewise join with the kings, are spiritual entities that are against Christ and His truth.
- A careful study of Scripture reveals that the threefold spiritual union in Revelation 16 refers to a confederation of Spiritualism (the dragon), apostate Protestantism (the false prophet) and the Papacy (the beast) that are united under satanic influence in opposition to the kingdom of Christ.[718] (See The Threefold Union for more information)

[717] Revelation 16:15.
[718] Revelation 12:3,7; 2; Genesis 3:1–5; 2 Thessalonians 2:3–10; 2 Peter 2:1; Acts 20:29–30; 1 Timothy 4:1–2; Matthew 24:24; Daniel 7:7–8, 24–25; cf. Daniel 2:33, 40–43; Revelation 13: 1–10.

- This three-fold union in conjunction with government legislators, will impose false worship upon the world.[719] The pouring out of the seven last plagues represents divine judgment upon this alliance,[720] while the cry "It is done" signifies the termination of human probation and the vindication of God's justice.[721] This prophetic understanding is articulated in *Seventh-day Adventists Believe: An Exposition of the Fundamental Beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church* under Fundamental Beliefs 25 and 26.[722]

The Threefold Union

The Dragon of Revelation 16 and Spiritualism.

The term *dragon* is first spoken of in the book of Revelation in chapter 12. In this chapter, the dragon makes war with a

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For an additional explanation, you may find these resources helpful: Ellen G. White, *The Great Controversy between Christ and Satan* (Mountain View, CA: Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1911), 588–592; Ellen G. White, *Spirit of Prophecy*, vol. 4 (Battle Creek, MI: Review and Herald Publishing Association, 1890), 451.

[719] In the book of Daniel 8:13 and 9:27 it speaks of the abominations of desolation which is also referred to by Jesus in Matthew 24:15 and Mark 13:14 as marking the end of time and the final persecution of God's people. It requires further study of these terms to understand what Jesus is talking about in the gospels. In Ezekiel 8, Ezekiel is told of a number of abominations that reside in God's church (the holy place). The last great abomination is Sun worship. It leads to the desolation of the individuals (Ezekiel 9), the temple (Ezekiel 10) and then the whole city of Jerusalem (Ezekiel 11:22–23). This desolation paved the way for Babylon to conquer Jerusalem. In 2 Chronicles 36:21, it is clear that this Sun worship is opposed to Sabbath keeping. It is clear that the abomination that leads to desolation is failing to worship God on His Sabbath and choosing a different day of worship. The day that is associated with Sun worship is Sunday. As Jesus links the abomination of desolation with the final persecution of His people, and the reference to end-time persecution in the book of Revelation is linked to the Mark of the Beast (Revelation 13:17), it is therefore concluded that enforced Sunday worship, as well as enforcing of work on the seventh-day Sabbath (in contradiction to the fourth of the Ten Commandments) is the Mark of the Beast.

[720] Revelation 16.

[721] Revelation 16:17–21.

[722] General Conference Ministerial Association, *Seventh-day Adventists Believe: A Biblical Exposition of Fundamental Doctrines*, 2nd ed. (Nampa, ID: Review and Herald Publishing Association, 2018). For summary statements on the Biblical understanding of scripture held by Seventh-day Adventists (Fundamental Beliefs), see "What We Believe," Seventh-day Adventist Church Australia, accessed October 12, 2025, https://adventist.org.au/statements-of-belief.

woman who gives birth to a child.[723] The child is identified as Christ, and the woman (who is standing on the moon and clothed with the sun[724]) is identified as the Church.[725]

That human power that was seeking to destroy Christ as an infant was the Pagan Roman system that was in power at the time when Jesus was born.

Paganism is a form of Spiritualism. In Revelation 12:9, we are told who the ultimate identity of the dragon is behind the human powers: Satan. What form of spirituality did Satan offer to the world?

Genesis 3 presents the awful reality of Satan's religion. It,

- Calls God's word into question;[726]
- Twists the words of God or does not respect God's Word;[727]
- Breaks God's laws and does what looks or feels right;[728]
- Promotes the belief that we never die (becoming a perpetual living soul)[729] which misrepresents the truth regarding death — where the body returns to dust, the breath to God, and the person knows nothing.[730] The belief in the immortality of the soul often leads to communicating with spirits, believing that they are departed persons speaking from the grave.[731]

[723] Revelation 12:4.
[724] Revelation 12:1.
[725] Revelation 19:7 and Jeremiah 6:2 where God's people are represented as a woman.
[726] Genesis 3:1.
[727] Genesis 3:2–5.
[728] Genesis 3:6.
[729] Genesis 3:4.
[730] Genesis 3:19; Ecclesiastes 3:19, 9:6; Psalm 146:3–4.
[731] 1 Samuel 28:5–13. This is clearly not the godly prophet Samuel, as this passage began with the fact that the Lord would not talk with Saul. Furthermore, this witch correctly points out that she is practising and art that is forbidden by God. Finally, it says, that she "Saw gods ascending out of the Earth." If it truly was

David wrote, "For in death *there is* no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?"[732] Jesus spoke of death as a sleep[733] from which we will be woken at His second coming.[734]

- Seeks to be as gods;[735]
- Seeks to save self through one's own works;[736]
- Creates division between God and man, leading to an unwholesome fear of God;[737] and
- Seeks to absolve the sinner from responsibility for sin and the consequences of judgment.[738]

Religions and faith groups that have any of the features above fall into the category of Spiritualism. Notably, theosophical, occult, new age, and eastern religions are clearly all Spiritualism. There are numerous such organizations represented at the UN.[739]

The False Prophet of Revelation 16 and apostate Protestantism.

The first time the term "False Prophet" was used in the New Testament to refer to someone, it was used to describe a man in the Jewish Church who was prophesying in the synagogue where Paul sought to proclaim the truth.[740]

Jesus said, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves"[741] (emphasis supplied). Then Peter wrote, "But there

Samuel, why would she see multiple and why would he ascend out of the Earth and not down from heaven? This was none other than a demon masquerading as Samuel in order to deceive Saul.

[732] Psalm 6:5.
[733] Matthew 9:24; Mark 5:39; Luke 8:52; John 11:11.
[734] 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18.
[735] Genesis 3:5–6.
[736] Genesis 3:7.
[737] Genesis 3:8–10.
[738] Genesis 3:12–13.
[739] See Scope of Involvement.
[740] Acts 13:5–10.
[741] Matthew 7:17.

were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction"[742] (emphasis added).

These passages make it clear that the False Prophet is from among God's people who, instead of sharing truth, promulgate lies. In modern terms, this is someone who is purporting to be a Christian, but prophesies (or shares God's truths) falsely.

Protestantism is a Christian movement that claims to be Sola Scriptura (solely reliant on the true words of God found in Scripture). However, the majority of Protestant denominations today have apostatised from the word of God. The Greek word *apostasia* (which is translated to apostacy) means to fall away or defect from the truth. Two key truths, among others, that have been discarded are:

1. The seventh-day Sabbath of the fourth commandment;[743] and
2. The fact that breaking God's commands means that we shall surely die[744] and, as such, when we die, there is no immortal soul. The Bible is clear that,

   > *"…the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun."*[745]

   The false doctrine that suggests that a person goes straight to an afterlife upon their death is the foundation of other false doctrines, such as the eternal burning hell. God gave Sodom and Gomorrah

[742] 1 Peter 2:1.
[743] See Day for Rest and Worship.
[744] Genesis 2:17.
[745] Ecclesiastes 9:5–6.

> as examples of what the fires of perdition will be for the ungodly.[746] They are not burning today. Similarly, those who have rejected Jesus Christ will one day be ashes under the soles of the feet of the saved.[747]
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> God takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked.[748] No man can live without the breath of God in his nostrils.[749] An eternal burning hell would require God to simultaneously sustain the life of the wicked, whilst also torturing them to death. Not only is it illogical, but it misrepresents the character of God. There will come a point when the whole universe is cleansed of all sin, sinners, pain and death.[750] This will be achieved upon the return of Jesus Christ after the millennium, with a fire of destruction that will have eternal consequences.[751]

Any Protestant Christian denomination that does not seek to uphold the entire Bible as a source of truth and the sole test of faith is imbuing the spirit of the False Prophet. Any that to not espouse that obedience to God's Word is an outcome of being a faithful Holy-Spirit-filled Christian is part of the False Prophet. Finally, any denomination that adds to the Word of God with words that are not in accordance with the law and the prophets[752] has become a part of the False Prophet.

Numerous protestant denominations and organizations fit this description at the UN.[753] However, one of the most influential organizations is the *World Council of Churches*, which has been integrally involved with the UN since its inception.[754]

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[746] 2 Peter 2:6; Jude 1:7.
[747] Malachi 4:3.
[748] Ezekiel 33:11.
[749] Genesis 2:7.
[750] Revelation 21:4.
[751] Revelation 20:14; 21:8.
[752] Isaiah 8:20.
[753] See Scope of Involvement.
[754] Rev. Dr. Olav Fykse Tveit, "WCC and the UN: Common Heritage and Shared Challenges," World Council of Churches (document, 7 April 2016), accessed 3

The formation of the UN and its acceptance by the general public in the United States were made possible by the strong influence of Protestant Christian Internationalist organizations, such as the *Federal Council of Churches*, which gave birth to the World Council of Churches.[755] These organizations believed in establishing peace in this world, contrary to what the Scriptures teach.

The Beast of Revelation 16 and the Papacy

The Beast is also the unbiblical belief system and practices of the Roman Catholic denomination.

The book of Daniel identifies four historical powers that rule over God's people from the time of Daniel until the end of the world and Jesus' return.

The first three powers are identified by name in the book of Daniel as Babylon, Medo-Persia, and Greece.[756] The fourth power is only identified through description. It is described as the power that takes over from Greece and as a power that defies God by making its own religious laws.[757]

In Daniel chapter 2, this fourth power undergoes a transition (unlike the powers before it), changing from being represented only by metal to being represented by both metal and clay.

January 2026, https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/documents/wcc-and-the-un-common-heritage-and-shared-challenges

[755] Michael G. Thompson, "Sherwood Eddy, the Missionary Enterprise, and the Rise of Christian Internationalism in 1920s America," *Modern Intellectual History* 12, no. 1 (April 2015): 65–93, doi:10.1017/S1479244314000493; accessed 3 January 2026, https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/modern-intellectual-history/article/sherwood-eddy-the-missionary-enterprise-and-the-rise-of-christian-internationalism-in-1920s-america/83E7862818313F3866D000EFFF6EDB35.
Willem A. Visser 't Hooft, *Memoirs*, accessed 3 January 2026, https://archive.org/details/memoirs0000viss/page/n5/mode/2up?utm_source.
Jurjen A. Zeilstra, *Visser 't Hooft, 1900–1985: Living for the Unity of the Church* (full text PDF), translated by Henry Jansen with Lucy Jansen-Hofland, accessed 3 January 2026, https://www.oikoumene.org/sites/default/files/File/Visser%27t-Hooft_1900-1985_Full_Text.pdf.

[756] Daniel 2, 7, 8, 11.

[757] Daniel 7, 8.

In Jeremiah 17, God likens the Church to clay that can be moulded by a potter. Thus, in simple terms, the metal and the clay represent a civil power (the metal) mixed with a Church power (the clay).

Historically, there is only one power that matches the description of the fourth power given in the book of Daniel: first, the Pagan Roman system and then the Papal Roman system that eventually used the civil powers to persecute Protestants until the late 1700s.

In Daniel 2, it also traces a transition in the final church-state union from the metal being mixed with miry clay (harder clay) to being mixed with potter's clay (malleable clay).[758]

This change in types of clay appears to represent the formation of a church-state system that resembles and operates with the same spirit as the Papacy before it, but it seems more malleable than the Papacy was. Whilst the Roman Catholic denomination exists as an entirely separate entity, since 1798 it has sought to fulfil its purposes through what was once God's Church — the Protestant Church.

Following the lineage of Protestant interpretation, Seventh-day Adventists understand the "beast" in Revelation 16 as the same system symbolized by the final power in Daniel 2, the little horn of Daniel 7, the blasphemous power in Daniel 8, and the sea beast of Revelation 13. Each of these prophetic symbols describes a power arising from the ruins of the Roman Empire, speaking "great words against the Most High," persecuting the saints, and claiming authority to change divine law.[759]

Many organizations at the UN represent the Roman Catholic church. There are multiple subsidiary organizations, but the most influential of all the Roman Catholic organizations is its political arm, the *Holy See*. It is the "Supreme authority of the Church, that is, the Pope as Bishop of Rome and head of the

[758] Daniel 2:41.
[759] Daniel 7:25; 8:11–12; Revelation 13:5–7.

college of Bishops. It is the central government of the Roman Catholic Church." [760]

The Holy See was unable to join the League of Nations because, at the time the League was formed, it was not considered a nation-state or a legal 'personality' and therefore was not permitted to participate. In 1929, with the handing over of the Vatican City, its status changed.[761] However, due to opposition from member states of the League, the Holy See never joined the League of Nations.[762]

In the early 1960s, the Holy See joined the UN as a permanent observer. It can participate in all aspects of the UN, except voting in some circumstances. It has the right to participate in the general debate of the General Assembly, to make interventions, the right of reply, to have its communications circulated, to raise points of order, and to co-sponsor draft resolutions and decisions.[763]

The Holy See has six seats in the General Assembly.[764] The maximum seats that member states can have is five.[765]

Not only is there a greater representation at the General Assembly, but UN civil society NGOs "are dominated by Catholic

[760] Holy See, "Our History," Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations, accessed January 3, 2026, https://web.archive.org/web/20070927092418/http://www.holyseemission.org/short_history.html.
[761] John R. Morss, "The International Legal Status of the Vatican/Holy See Complex," *European Journal of International Law* 26, no. 4 (November 2015): 927–946, accessed January 3, 2026, https://academic.oup.com/ejil/article/26/4/927/2599610?.
[762] Elias D. Mallon, S.A., Ph.D., "CNEWA Connections: The Holy See at the United Nations," *Catholic Near East Welfare Association*, September 15, 2022, accessed January 26, 2026, https://cnewa.org/the-holy-see-at-the-united-nations/.
[763] Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations, "The Status of the Holy See at the United Nations," *Holy See Mission*, accessed January 3, 2026, https://holyseemission.org/contents/mission/mission-55e37172a07413.52517830.php.
[764] Ibid
[765] United Nations, "Charter of the United Nations: Chapter IV — The General Assembly," United Nations, accessed January 3, 2026, https://www.un.org/en/about-us/un-charter/chapter-4.

groups."[766] Collectively, this represents an enormous amount of power for a religious organization at an international level.

Research has revealed that the Holy See uses its various positions at the UN to advance its theological positions.[767] Moreover, because it remains an observer state rather than a member state, it does not have to and chooses not to ratify the UN Charter or many other UN instruments. The Roman Catholic church wields power and influence over the UN and its member states, but remains aloof and above any power that the UN or its members states may seek to exercise over it.[768]

Importance of recognizing the end-time union.

The Bible is clear that the adversary of Jesus Christ, the devil or Satan, is like a roaring lion, seeking to destroy God's people, and we are admonished to be sober (watchful) and vigilant (stay awake) in order not to fall prey to his deceptions.[769] Jesus warned that at the end of time, deception would abound.[770] These deceptions would be so clever that even those who are seeking to follow Christ could possibly be deceived.[771]

It is imperative as Christians that we study our Bibles, seeking understanding.[772] Without a love of the truth and clear guidance from the Scriptures, we will receive a strong delusion so that we will believe a lie.[773]

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[766] The Guardian, "United Nations Too Christian, Claims Report," January 1, 2014, accessed January 3, 2026, https://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/jan/01/united-nations-too-christian-report.
[767] Yasmin Abdullah, *The Holy See at United Nations Conferences: State or Church?*, 96 Columbia Law Review 1835 (1996), accessed January 4, 2026, https://uniset.ca/microstates2/va_96ColumLRev1835.pdf.
[768] Catholics for Choice, *The Catholic Church at the United Nations: Church or State?* (Washington, DC: Catholics for Choice, 2013), accessed January 3, 2026, https://www.catholicsforchoice.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/CFC_See_Change_2013.pdf.
[769] 1 Peter 5:8.
[770] Matthew 24:4.
[771] Matthew 24:24.
[772] 2 Timothy 2:15.
[773] 2 Thessalonians 2:11.

Whoever we walk with, we will agree with.[774]If we walk together with the three-fold union, we will come into agreement with them. After describing the threefold union in Revelation 16:13–14, Jesus says, "Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed *is* he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame."[775] May all Christians watch for both truth and error that they do not partake of a union that seeks to war with Christ.

The UN is a union of spiritual entities, reflecting prophecy.

Summary: Various UN Secretaries-General have identified the organization as a spiritually driven body pursuing global peace through religious unity.

The spiritual underpinnings of the UN have been openly acknowledged by successive Secretaries-General, reflecting an enduring belief that peace is inseparable from a form of global spiritual unity.

- Dag Hammarskjöld, while serving as the second secretary-general of the UN was instrumental in restructuring the UN to make it more effective. He laid the groundwork for UN peacekeeping operations and successfully implemented his "preventative diplomacy" in crises across the Middle East and China.[776]

  At the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches, Dag Hammarskjöld said, "The United Nations stands outside, necessarily outside — all

[774] Amos 3:3
[775] Revelation16:15.
[776] Carl Bildt, "Dag Hammarskjöld and United Nations Peacekeeping," *UN Chronicle* 48, no. 2 (2011), 56–63, accessed November 8, 2025, https://www.un.org/en/chronicle/article/dag-hammarskjold-and-united-nations-peacekeeping.
Francesco Mancini, ed, *Preventive Diplomacy: Regions in Focus*, New York: International Peace Institute, December 2011, Accessed November 8, 2025, https://www.ipinst.org/wp-content/uploads/publications/ipi_epub_preventive_diplomacy.pdf.

confessions, but it is, nevertheless, an instrument of faith." He also said, "The Cross, although it is the unique fact on which the Christian Churches base their hope should not separate those of Christian faith from others but should instead be that element in their lives which enables them to stretch out their hands to peoples of other creeds in the feeling of universal brotherhood which we hope one day to see reflected in a world of nations truly united."[777]

According to one historian, "[Hammarskjöld's] morality and religion was political and translated into politics, which set the norm for every Secretary-General following him."[778] He was instrumental in the design and dedication of the UN *Meditation Room*, and declared that "unless there is a spiritual renaissance, the world will know no peace." In his reflections on the altar within that chamber, he wrote: "We may see it as an altar, empty not because there is no God, not because it is an altar to an unknown god, but because it is dedicated to the God whom man worships under many names and in many forms."[779]

- In 1998, Secretary-General Kofi Annan articulated a similar sentiment during an address delivered at a synagogue in New York. He urged his audience to see the UN not merely as a secular institution, but as "a tapestry, not only of suits and saris but of clerics'

[777] Dag Hammarskjöld, "An Instrument of Faith," Address delivered at the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches, Evanston, Illinois, August 20, 1954, accessed November 8, 2025, https://www.oikoumene.org/sites/default/files/Document/32_16_1%20Hammerskj%C3%B6ld%20Evanston.pdf.
[778] Henning Melber, "Dealing with Injustice: Dag Hammarskjöld and the International Community Today," *African Journal on Conflict Resolution* (AJCR) 2011/1, March 27, 2011, accessed November 8, 2025, https://www.accord.org.za/ajcr-issues/dealing-with-injustice-dag-hammarskjold-and-the-international-community-today.
[779] United Nations, "Room For Meditation at the United Nations" (brochure), n.d., accessed October 8, 2025, https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/2020/11/meditation_room_brochure.pdf.

collars, nuns' habits and lamas' robes; of mitres, skullcaps and yarmulkes," and affirmed that the UN was an organization that united Church and state. He cited Pope John Paul II's 1995 visit to the UN, during which the pontiff observed that "the politics of nations can never ignore the transcendent, spiritual dimension of the human experience."[780]

- This ecumenical and multi-faith spirit is further reflected in the extensive list of religious and spiritual organizations—Catholic, Protestant, ecumenical, New Age, Eastern, occult, Fraternal societies and others—that hold consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).[781]

[780] United Nations, "Secretary-General Stresses Religious, Spiritual Dimensions of United Nations Work, in Keynote Address," Press Release SG/SM/6541 Rev.1, April 27, 1998, accessed October 8, 2025, https://press.un.org/en/1998/19980427.sgm6541r.html.

[781] United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), "Revised Informational List of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Status with ECOSOC," 2022, accessed October 8, 2025, https://ecosoc.un.org/sites/default/files/NGO%20Page%20Files/Introduction%20to%20ECOSOC%20Consultative%20Status/Revised%20INF%20List%202022.pdf.

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Peace Vs Destruction

"For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape."[782]

SDAs believe in the Biblical in the second coming and resurrection.

Summary: Seventh-day Adventists believe that at Christ's imminent return the world will end, the righteous will be taken to heaven and the unrighteous will be destroyed, which opposes the UN's vision of sustainability and a millennium of peace on Earth achieved through Earthly powers.

Seventh-day Adventists have long articulated a well-defined understanding of Jesus Christ's Second Coming, the Millennium, and the Resurrection.[783] These beliefs include the following:

- The Bible reveals that the present world is finite and will come to a decisive end at the imminent, visible, literal, and glorious return of Jesus Christ. At His coming, "the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we

[782] 1 Thessalonians 5:3

[783] Fundamental Beliefs 25–27: The Second Coming of Christ; The Millennium and the End of Sin; The New Earth. General Conference Ministerial Association, *Seventh-day Adventists Believe: A Biblical Exposition of Fundamental Doctrines*, 2nd ed. (Nampa, ID: Review and Herald Publishing Association, 2018). For summary statements on the Biblical understanding of scripture held by Seventh-day Adventists (Fundamental Beliefs), see "What We Believe," Seventh-day Adventist Church Australia, accessed October 12, 2025, https://adventist.org.au/statements-of-belief.

which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air."[784]

- During the thousand years, the wicked, slain by "the brightness of His coming,"[785] will lie dead upon the desolated Earth, and Satan will be bound here with no one to tempt.[786] At the same time, the redeemed will reign with Christ in heaven, participating in the review of the judgment of the unrighteous.[787]
- At the close of the millennium, the New Jerusalem will descend, the unrighteous will be resurrected to face their final judgment, and fire will come down from God out of heaven to devour them, and they will cease to exist.[788] This destruction by fire will permanently eradicate sin and the sinner from the universe.
- After the destruction by fire, God will create *"a new heaven and a new Earth"* where righteousness and peace shall dwell forever.[789] As Ellen G. White wrote,

> *"The great controversy is ended. Sin and sinners are no more. The entire universe is clean. One pulse of harmony and gladness beats through the vast creation."*[790]

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[784] 1 Thessalonians 4:16–17 — "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."
[785] 2 Thessalonians 2:8 — "And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming."
[786] Revelation 20:1–3 — "And I saw an angel come down from heaven… and bound him a thousand years… that he should deceive the nations no more."
[787] Revelation 20:4, 12.
[788] Revelation 20:9 – "And they went up on the breadth of the Earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them."
[789] Revelation 21:1–4; Isaiah 65:17 — "For, behold, I create new heavens and a new Earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind."
[790] Ellen G. White, *The Great Controversy* (Mountain View, CA: Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1911), 678.

This Biblical view stands in direct contrast to the UN temporal vision of a "millennium of peace and sustainable development," which seeks to perpetuate life on the present Earth indefinitely. Because Scripture reveals a finite world awaiting a fiery judgment before divine renewal, we cannot, in good conscience, sustain consultative status or a partnership with the UN.

The UN identifies as a "savior" of the Earth.

Summary: The UN's goals and agenda portray themselves as humanity's guide and saviour, rather than Jesus Christ.

- The *Millennium Declaration* opens with the statement: "We, heads of State and Government, have gathered at UN Headquarters in New York from 6 to 8 September 2000, at the dawn of a new millennium, to reaffirm our faith in the Organization and its Charter as indispensable foundations of a more peaceful, prosperous and just world" (emphasis supplied).[791] To place "faith" in the UN is placing the UN (rather than God or Jesus Christ) as the institution entrusted with guiding, sustaining, or essentially 'saving' the world.
- Agenda 21, the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), and the subsequent Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are promulgated as instruments through which humanity is to secure peace, prosperity, and ecological balance for future generations by human efforts.[792]
- The Preamble to the *2030 Agenda* declares: "We are resolved to free the human race from the tyranny of

[791] United Nations General Assembly, "United Nations Millennium Declaration," Resolution A/RES/55/2, 2000, accessed October 8, 2025, https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/422015?v=pdf.
[792] United Nations General Assembly, "Pact for the Future: Global Digital Compact and Declaration on Future Generations," Resolution A/RES/79/1, 2024, accessed October 8, 2025, https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/sotf-pact_for_the_future_adopted.pdf.

poverty and want and to heal and secure our planet. We are determined to take the bold and transformative steps which are urgently needed to shift the world onto a sustainable and resilient path."[793] This language reinforces the UN's self-image as the architect and saviour of humanity's welfare and of the Earth itself, with no end to the established order in sight.

The GC and related entities and the UN as savior.

Summary: Through Official Statements, activities and articles, the GC and related entities have endorsed the view that sustainable development goals and related activities of the UN will save the planet and bring global peace.

General Conference Official Statements

- The 2010 *Global Poverty* statement says, "Seventh-day Adventists join the global community in supporting the UN's' Millennium Development Goals' for reducing poverty by at least 50 per cent by 2015. In furtherance of this, Seventh-day Adventists partner with civil society, governments and others, working together locally and globally to participate in God's work of establishing enduring justice in a broken world."[794] This implies that the UN's Millennium Development Goals and the global cooperation within the UN will help to establish enduring justice in this world.
- In the 1998 statement, *50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, it states,

[793] United Nations General Assembly, "Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development," Resolution A/RES/70/1, 2015, accessed October 8, 2025, https://sdgs.un.org/2030agenda.

[794] General Conference Executive Committee, "Global Poverty," June 24, 2010, accessed October 12, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/global-poverty.

> "Coming from the best and highest part of the human heart, the Universal Declaration is a fundamental document standing firmly for human dignity, liberty, equality, and non-discrimination of minorities." And, "…the Universal Declaration will grow in practical importance and luster, and never risk becoming an irrelevant document." This statement implies the UN *Declaration of Human Rights* is pivotal to the realisation of peace and security into the indefinite future.[795]

General Conference Activities and Articles

- In 1980, Robert Muller, assistant secretary-general of the UN under three secretaries-general and an ardent believer in an esoteric christ, was invited to present to an Adventist Laymen's Services and Industries conference as their concluding speaker. Neal Wilson said, "The convention concluded with a banquet in which Robert Muller, associate secretary of the United Nations, was the featured speaker. He is called the United Nations' 'prophet of hope' and has a vibrant and optimistic philosophy of life."[796] This emphasised the view that the UN and its representatives bring a true message of hope to the world. However, the Bible declares that Jesus Christ and His glorious appearing is our only hope.[797]
- In the year 2000, the GC administration invited Assistant Secretary General Joseph Reed to attend and address the delegates of the GC in session. At the 13:23–13:58 mark, the president of the General

[795] General Conference Administrative Committee, "50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights," November 17, 1998, accessed October 7, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/50th-anniversary-of-the-universal-declaration-of-human-rights.
[796] Neal C. Wilson, "Cooperation and Interaction." *Adventist Review*, March 5, 1981, 3 (211), accessed November 9, 2025 https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/RH/RH19810305-V158-10.pdf.
[797] 1 Thessalonians 2:19; 1 Timothy 1:1; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 11; 1 Peter 1:3.

Conference said to Reed, "Ambassador Reed, may I thank you and through you, the leader of the United Nations, Kofi Annan, for conveying this message to us. We accept it as though he were present with us, and please convey our best regards to him and assure him that as a community, as a church, we pray for his success and for the success of the United Nations as an instrument of God's peace in this world. Thank you very much." Then at 14:08–14:23 mark of the video, the president said, "Ambassador Reed, we thank you so much for bringing us this message from the Secretary General of the main organization in the world working for collective world international justice, and peace."[798] This sentiment communicated by the GC president indicated that God had both endorsed and was advancing His own work by using the organization of the UN.

[798] Elijah's Loud Cry, "UN Invited by General Conference President to the GC Session," *YouTube Video*, 16:05, posted September 18, 2025, accessed October 2025, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ae3-QVk6gVc.

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Governance

" But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant."[799]

SDAs believe in the Biblical priesthood of all believers.

Summary: Members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church believe that Christ alone is Head of the Church and the General Conference has limited authority, making alignment with the UN ultra vires (outside of their power and authority) and thus is invalid.

As Seventh-day Adventists, we reject the premise that any man or select group should exercise headship over the conscience of the Church as a whole or over individual believers. Scripture teaches that Jesus Christ alone is the Head of the body, and that within His Church all are "brethren" under one Master, even Him.[800] The biblical model of mutual submission—"submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God"[801]—is foundational to the operation of the Church.[802]

[799] Matthew 20:25–27.
[800] Matthew 23:8–12.
[801] Ephesians 5:21.
[802] Fundamental Belief 12: "The Church." General Conference Ministerial Association, *Seventh-day Adventists Believe: A Biblical Exposition of Fundamental Doctrines*, 2nd ed. (Nampa, ID: Review and Herald Publishing Association, 2018). For summary statements on the Biblical understanding of scripture held by Seventh-day Adventists (Fundamental Beliefs), see "What We Believe," Seventh-

The GC's staff, departments and committees (including the Executive Committee) function solely in service of that mission and do not possess authority to speak or act on behalf of the global body, except where explicitly authorised (for example, in matters of funds and personnel to advance that mission). Only when the global Church meets in Session does the body (through its delegates) exercise representation, and even then, it remains subject to Scripture, especially in the realm of individual conscience.

It is broadly understood that the primary purpose in organizing the GC was "to promote the evangelistic outreach of the church, to provide for rapid increases in membership, to conduct the business matters of the church, to own property, and to facilitate administration of church order and discipline."[803] It was to facilitate the orderly and efficient proclamation of the gospel, in line with the Great Commission of Matthew 28:18–20 and the comprehensive Three Angels' Messages found in Revelation 14:6–12.

The authority of the GC was to be strictly limited by "the resolution which locates the source of the responsibility, authority, and power of the conference places it in the church, or, more properly, the people" [sic]. This was seen to be "directly the opposite of the organization of the papacy, which places these prerogatives in the officials."[804]

UN requires NGOs to adopt UN form of governance.

- UN *ECOSOC Resolution 1996/31* and the earlier 1968 *ECOSOC Resolution 1296*, which was in force when the GC gained its consultative status in 1985, mandate that every organization in consultative status appoint

day Adventist Church, accessed October 12, 2025, https://adventist.org.au/statements-of-belief.
[803] Barry Oliver, "Organization of the Seventh-day Adventist Church," *Encyclopedia of Seventh-day Adventists*, accessed November 8, 2025, https://encyclopedia.adventist.org/article?id=6C18.
[804] Ibid.

an official representative empowered to speak and act for the whole body, and maintain an executive committee to govern its affairs.[805]

The GC has adopted erroneous governance.

Summary: Although there have been attempts to govern the Seventh-day Adventist Church through a hierarchy, centralized in the General Conference, most members uphold a Spirit-led, biblical model of shared authority, making union with the UN incompatible.

- In 1984, the GC in their Annual Council voted to accept the following guidelines in relation to Church governance:
    - "The General Conference is the highest authority and the sum of all the parts, not only philosophically, but also (1) organizationally, (2) legislatively, (3) administratively, (4) judicially, (5) in terms of policy and (6) Church standards."[806]
    - "It would be folly to do anything or say anything that would in any way weaken the influence and limit the leadership capabilities of the General Conference. If the nature of our structure is changed, it could very easily fragment the Seventh-day Adventist movement and lead towards regional or national churches. This human, and rather natural, tendency must be avoided. To do anything that would encourage congregational government would be a move in the direction

[805] United Nations Economic and Social Council, *Consultative Relationship between the United Nations and Non-Governmental Organizations* (Resolution 1996/31), July 25, 1996, accessed December 5, 2025, https://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ngo/Resolution_1996_31.
[806] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *General Conference Committee Minutes*, October 1984, Annual Council, p.m., 386, accessed December 21, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1984-10.pdf.

of disintegration, and the inability to achieve our divine mission."

- "The Church must remain united, and this requires strong, centralized authority derived from all of its parts."

- The *Role and Function of Denominational Organizations Commission Report* stipulates that the Church is governed by a "committee system, [in which] administrative authority on all levels [is] vested in the executive committee", which "has legislative, executive and oversight functions."[807] This is a decision of the GC which is obscure to most members and does not reflect the membership's general understanding if it is construed to allow unfettered authority or promote any ideology contrary to the principles of Scripture.

- The *GC Constitution* (2022) identifies the Executive Committee as the governing body of the Church between GC sessions, with the President as "the first officer," assisted by vice-presidents to carry out the program and policies the president determines, while the Treasurer and Secretary must consult the president before presenting matters to the Committee.[808] This framework vests *de facto* executive power in one individual and their immediate officers rather than the collegial, Spirit-led governance described in Scripture.[809]

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[807] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *Minutes of the General Conference Committee*, October 14, 1984, 49 (84–369), accessed October 27 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1984-10.pdf; and *General Conference Bulletin* no. 7, *Adventist Review,* July 5, 1985, 10 (858), accessed October 27 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/GCSessionBulletins/GCB1985-07.pdf.

[808] Secretariat of the General Conference, "Constitution of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists," June 6–11, 2022, accessed October 8, 2025, https://secretariat.adventist.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Constitution-and-Bylaws-2022.pdf.

[809] Ephesians 4:11–16.

- The denomination's *Global Commitment of Leaders* emphasizes policies, procedures, and culture—not the Holy Spirit and adherence to the Bible, which the members trust for leadership—as essential components of internal control.[810]
- In 2021, the *Church State Council,* a religious liberty ministry of the Pacific Union Conference, wrote a memo to church leaders telling them to encourage members to take the vaccines as per the Church's "pro" vaccine policy. They also said that they did, "Not expect our litigation committee will approve filing any cases on behalf of those who refuse the vaccine and lose their jobs."[811]
- The South Pacific Division's *AdSafe Code of Conduct* attempts to subordinate personal conscience to institutional policy.[812]
- At the 2025 GC in session, Dr. Bangwato Sikwa stood up to speak after other delegates had attempted to have a respectful discussion regarding issues of global Church concerns (the Immunization *Statement* and the UN alliance) added to the agenda of the session. Dr. Bangwato Sikwa is the "Executive Director of Adventist AIDS International Ministry (AAIM), coordinating programs in the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division (SID), East-Central

[810] General Conference Executive Committee, "Transparency and Accountability: A Global Commitment of Seventh-day Adventist Church Leaders," 2024, accessed October 8, 2025, https://executivecommittee.adventist.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Transparency-and-Accountability.pdf.
[811] Raymond Obomsawin, *SDA Church Pacific Union Vaccine-Memo* (Westlake Village, CA: Church State Council, February 1, 2021), PDF file, 2 pages, accessed via Internet Archive, January 3, 2026, https://ia600100.us.archive.org/25/items/sda-raymond-obomsawin-6-historical-actualities-immunity-disease-vaccination-pt-1_202301/SDA%20-%20Raymond%20Obomsawin%20-%205%20SDA%20Church%20Pacific%20Union%20Vaccine-Memo.pdf
[812] Seventh-day Adventist Church (South Pacific Division), "AdSafe Code of Conduct," AdSafe Ltd., June 2025, accessed October 8, 2025, https://www.adsafe.org.au/application/files/6517/5151/0664/Code_of_Conduct_-_June_2025_signable.pdf.

Africa Division (ECD), and West-Central Africa (WAD) under the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists."[813] She said,

> "Thank you, Mr Chairman… I want to speak against this amendment on two points. The first point is what is already stated, that something like this needs to be studied very hard before we can come and discuss it here. The second point is that, according to our policies, the Executive Committee and the ADCOM, they have the authority to make decisions for the Church in between sessions. I'm troubled if we come to a situation whereby the decisions that are taken have to be brought back to the floor. I see this as opening a dangerous door, because at any point we may find ourselves needing to come to the GC to revise the decisions that were taken by those that we had said can make decisions for us in between the Sessions."[814]

Not only does Dr Bangwato Sikwa work as a GC employee, but she also works closely with the UN by ensuring that AAIM projects support the WHO and UNAIDS to obtain funding.[815] Clearly, this joint relationship with the GC and the UN was reflected in her statement at the session. To place the GC administrative or executive committees beyond

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[813] Africa Nazarene University, *Addiction Science*, accessed December 19, 2025, https://www.aua.ac.ke/addiction-science.
Adventist AIDS International, *Governance*, accessed December 19, 2025, https://adventistaidsinternational.org/governance.

[814] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *General Conference Session Minutes, July 3, 2025, PM* (Silver Spring, MD: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 2025), 44, accessed December 17, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCSM/2025/GCST20250703PM.pdf.

[815] Adventist AIDS International, *AAIM Project Funding*, accessed December 19, 2025, https://adventistaidsinternational.org/aaim-project-funding.
UNAIDS, "Faith and HIV," *UNAIDS Feature Stories*, August 11, 2020, accessed December 19, 2025, https://www.unaids.org/en/resources/presscentre/featurestories/2020/august/20200811_faith-and-hiv.

> the constructive, Biblical critique of lay members is to give to the GC a role that is akin to the Roman Catholic magisterium.

Collectively, these instruments and statements of the GC, its administrative entities, and employees could mislead the UN into believing that an administrative hierarchy inconsistent with the biblical model of mutual submission and spiritual equality among believers has been endorsed by the Church, but this could not be farther from the truth.

The Church is experiencing a reemergence of lay involvement in Church leadership and policy, in the form of supporting ministries that are legally separate from the GC's legal structure. Moreover, members are acting both individually and collectively to leverage influence over GC policy and structure through financial means. This has caused a rift between factions in the Church, illustrating the leadership's lack of control in areas beyond their biblical purview. Be that as it may, this is far beyond the concern of the UN, other than to note that the GC is incapable of meeting UN requirements for membership.

In conforming to a worldly framework, the GC has centralized hierarchical power in a committee system and an authoritarian presidency assisted by a few administrators. It falsely assumes it can represent the Church to the world and speak or act on behalf of the whole body. This action does not represent legitimate authority under Scripture. It remains an internal matter of reform, and the UN need not intervene—except to note that the GC's claims of authority made to satisfy UN requirements were **ultra vires**, beyond its lawful or scriptural mandate.

One of the founders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Ellen G. White, declared that "no man has been made a master, to rule

the mind and conscience of a fellow-being" and that such man-ruling power "has no sanction in the Word."[816]

The consultative relationship with the UN presupposes an unbiblical form of hierarchical governance in the Church and stands in direct conflict with the Biblical model. To the extent that the Church is in accordance with the teachings of the Bible, no such hierarchy exists, and is not generally recognized by the Church membership. To avoid making a mockery of UN resolutions and to preserve the divine order established by Jesus Christ, the Church's relationship with the United Nations must be terminated without delay.

[816] Ellen G. White, *Christian Leadership* (Washington, DC: Review and Herald Publishing Association, 1923), 27.

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The Voice of the UN

" For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book."[817]

The GC has become the voice of the UN.

According to *ECOSOC Resolution 1996/31 on the Consultative relationship between the UN and non-governmental organizations*, the "The consultative status of non-governmental organizations with the Economic and Social Council and the listing of those on the Roster shall be suspended for up to three years or withdrawn in the following cases: …(c) If, within the preceding three years, an organization did not make any positive or effective contribution to the work of the United Nations and, in particular, of the Council or its commissions or other subsidiary organs."[818]

The fact that the GC of Seventh-day Adventists, ADRA, IRLA, and AIDRL have been able to remain in consultative status with ECOSOC for as long as they have is because they have consistently demonstrated their "positive and effective contribution to the work of the UN."

Due to its association with the United Nations Department of Global Communications (DGC), the GC needs to align with

[817] Revelation 22:18.
[818] United Nations Economic and Social Council, *Consultative Relationship between the United Nations and Non-Governmental Organizations* (Resolution 1996/31), July 25, 1996, "Part VIII: Suspension and Withdrawal of Consultative Status," accessed December 31, 2025, https://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ngo/Resolution_1996_31.

and be the voice for the United Nations to the Church and to the world.

Below is information about the DGC

- "Department of Global Communications cooperates with CSOs [NGOs] whose mandates align with the goals and principles of the United Nations through a variety of initiatives."[819]
- Its purpose is to implement a mandated link between CSOs/NGOs and the UN. They do this by helping NGOs "gain access to and disseminate information about the range of issues in which the United Nations is involved, to enable them to more effectively carry out their activities in support of the UN Charter and to raise awareness among public audiences about the work of the Organization."[820]
- The DGC is to help NGOs to "perform a variety of services and humanitarian functions, bring citizens' concerns to Governments, monitor policies, and encourage political participation at the community level."[821]
- The NGOs are required to "provide analysis and expertise, serve as early warning mechanisms and help monitor and implement international agreements, including Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals."[822]
- The NGOs are encouraged to "promote UN observances and international years and decades established by the General Assembly to focus world attention on important issues facing humanity."[823]

[819] Civil Society: About Us," United Nations, accessed December 9, 2025, https://www.un.org/en/civil-society/page/about-us.
[820] Ibid.
[821] Ibid.
[822] Ibid.
[823] Ibid.

- The responsibilities of the NGO associated with the DGC are listed as:
    - "Continue to raise public awareness, in particular at the grass roots level, about key issues on the UN agenda, including the priorities of the UN Secretary-General and in line with the UN Charter [824] (emphasis supplied);
    - "Collaborate with or support UN Information Centres or Services or other UN entities on advocacy campaigns or other promotional public information activities;[825]
    - "Submit yearly an online Annual Review report. This is the process by which organizations associated with our Department report back to the Civil Society Unit on their work and public information activities in support of the United Nations, and are evaluated;[826]
    - Understand and ensure appropriate use of the UN name, flag and emblem."[827]
- The DGC annual review must be passed in order for an NGO to be issued UN ground passes. The NGO may not 'pass' their annual review under the following circumstances. If the evaluation team determines that the NGO: "(1) did not provide evidence of activities, projects, events or programmes planned, organized or coordinated by your organization as part of its work to support the work of the United Nations and your association commitment with DGC; (2) actively participate in the Thematic Briefings or

[824] "How Do We Apply for Association?" United Nations, accessed December 9, 2025, https://www.un.org/en/civil-society/page/application.
[825] Ibid.
[826] Ibid.
[827] Ibid.

> Communications Workshops; (3) and/or develop enough projects and activities with UN agencies or programmes, as well as DGC; your submission will be negatively evaluated and no grounds passes will be issued for that year. Your organization, however, will remain in good standing with the Department."[828]

Throughout the *Quadrennial Reports* that the GC has submitted to the UN, it demonstrates how it aligns its goals and communications with the UN as is required by the DGC. For example, in its 1999 *Quadrennial Report*, it said,

> "Activities of the General Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists contribute to the promotion of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. The Church has strong programmes in education, health, and religious freedom in harmony with United Nations recommendations. Our organization highlighted the United Nations proclamation of 1995 as the International Year of Tolerance with a written statement to our members from our quinquennial world convocation at Utrecht, the Netherlands."[829]

In the 2010 *Quadrennial Report* to the UN, the GC reported,

> "The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists operated a United Nations Liaison Office based at its headquarters just north of Washington, D.C., with a branch in New York City. Through this office, materials

[828] "Annual Review: Civil Society," United Nations, accessed December 9, 2025, https://www.un.org/en/civil-society/page/annual-review.
[829] United Nations, *Economic and Social Council*, *Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations*, *Report on the work of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, Addendum* (E/C.2/1999/2/Add.1), United Nations Official Document, January 11, 1999, accessed December 24, 2025, https://docs.un.org/en/E/C.2/1999/2/Add.1.

from the United Nations are disseminated by the organization's communication channels."[830]

GC Celebrating UN International Years before consultative status.

- ***UN World Refugee Year*** in 1959.[831] In 1959, this appeared in an official Church periodical, "In conjunction with the World Council of Churches and the United Nations Association, we are going to do our share in this all-out effort—W.R.Y., World Refugee Year—to away these awful evidences of man's inhumanity to man."[832] In Australia, the Australasian Record announced, "Adventists in Australia (we haven't heard from New Zealand) went out in large bands recently to gather funds on behalf of World Refugee Year."[833]
- ***International Year for Human Rights*** in 1968.[834] December 28, 1967, the GC voted to "cooperate wherever possible to make the observance of the [UN-designated] *International Year for Human Rights* a milestone in the attainment of human freedom." This was to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the

[830] United Nations, *Economic and Social Council*, *Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations*, *Quadrennial Reports, 2009–2012, Addendum* (E/C.2/2010/2/Add.37), United Nations Official Document, 2010, accessed December 24, 2025, https://docs.un.org/en/E/C.2/2010/2/Add.37.
[831] United Nations General Assembly, *World Refugee Year* (Resolution A/RES/1285 (XIII)), adopted December 5, 1958, accessed December 17, 2025, https://docs.un.org/en/A/RES/1285%20(XIII).
[832] Mary Vine, "London Dorcas Federation," *British Advent Messenger* 64, no. 26 (December 25, 1959): 1, accessed December 17, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/BAM/BAM19591225-V64-26.pdf.
[833] *Brevities*, *Australasian Record* 64, no. 32 (August 8, 1960): 8, accessed December 17, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/AAR/AAR19600808-V64-32.pdf.
[834] "1968: International Year for Human Rights," *UNESCO Courier*, January 1, 1968, accessed December 22, 2025, https://courier.unesco.org/en/articles/1968-international-year-human-rights.

adoption of the UN Universal Declaration on Human Rights.[835]

- ***UNESCO International Book Year*** in 1972. On April 20, 1972, the devotional at the GC committee included informing the attendees that 1972 was UNESCO *International Book Year*.[836] The decision of the GC to celebrate this year was reflected in denominational periodicals.[837]
- ***UN World Population Year*** in 1974.[838] A Church periodical published an article outlining concerns and how to obtain further information in support of the World Population Year.[839]
- ***UN International Women's Year*** in 1975.[840] The GC specifically recognised three women at the GC Session that year in response to the UN year.[841]

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[835] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *General Conference Committee Minutes, December 1967* (Washington, D.C.: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 1967), 67-816, accessed December 16, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1967-12.pdf.

[836] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *General Conference Committee Minutes, April 1972* (Washington, D.C.: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 1972), 71-942, accessed December 16, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1972-04.pdf.

[837] D. A. McAdams, "Vital Tools of Knowledge," *British Advent Messenger* 77, no. 20 (October 6, 1972): 2–3, accessed December 16, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/BAM/BAM19721006-V77-20.pdf.

[838] United Nations General Assembly, *World Population Year* (Resolution A/RES/2683 (XXV)), adopted December 11, 1970, accessed December 17, 2025, https://docs.un.org/en/A/RES/2683%20(XXV).

[839] *Are You Concerned*, *British Advent Messenger* 79, no. 11 (May 31, 1974): 7, accessed December 17, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/BAM/BAM19740531-V79-11.pdf.

[840] United Nations General Assembly, *Proclaiming 1975 International Women's Year* (Resolution A/RES/3010 (XXVII)), adopted December 18, 1972), accessed December 17, 2025, https://docs.un.org/en/A/RES/3010%20(XXVII).

[841] "In a Nutshell… Adventist Women Honored," *Pacific Union Recorder* 75, no. 07 (August 18, 1975): 4, accessed December 17, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/PUR/PUR19750818-V75-07.pdf.

"Today's Program," *Review & Herald*, *General Conference Session Bulletin*, no. 4 (July 1975): 15, accessed December 17, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/GCSessionBulletins/GCB1975-04.pdf.

Review & Herald, *General Conference Session Bulletin*, no. 5 (July 1975): 15, accessed December 17, 2025,

- ***UN International Year of the Child*** in 1979.[842] The GC voted on a plan to cooperate with the United Nations Organization for the year. This was to include parenting seminars, Church schools' systems, sabbath schools, temperance programs, Pathfinder clubs, and health programs. They also voted to "cooperate with other organizations and agencies in programs for the child."[843] This was then reflected in denominational periodicals.[844]
- ***UN International Year of Disabled Persons*** in 1981.[845] In 1980, the GC voted to promote the year.[846] This was reflected in denominational periodicals.[847]
- ***UN International Year of Youth*** in 1985. The purpose of this year was to increase youth knowledge of and participation in peace efforts that were consistent

https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/GCSessionBulletins/GCB1975-05.pdf.

[842] UNICEF, *History of child rights*, UNICEF, accessed December 22, 2025, https://www.unicef.org/child-rights-convention/history-child-rights.

[843] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *General Conference Committee Minutes, July 1978* (Washington, D.C.: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 1978), 78-224 accessed December 16, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1978-07.pdf.

[844] Howard D. Burbank, "Saws and the International Year of the Child," *Australian Record and Advent World Survey* 84, no. 20 (May 14, 1979): 1, accessed December 16, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/AAR/AAR19790514-V84-20.pdf.

Ruth R. Murdoch, "Instruction, Discipline, Example," *Lake Union Herald* 70, no. 5 (January 31, 1978): 6–7, accessed December 16, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/LUH/LUH19780131-V70-05.pdf.

[845] United Nations, *The International Year of Disabled Persons 1981*, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), accessed December 22, 2025, https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/the-international-year-of-disabled-persons-1981.html.

[846] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *General Conference Committee Minutes, October 1980* (Washington, D.C.: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 1980), 80-345, accessed December 16, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1980-10a.pdf.

[847] John Treolo, "CRBF Produces IYDP Visual Program," *Atlantic Union Gleaner* (March 1981): 14, accessed December 16, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/ALUG/ALUG19810324-V80-06.pdf.

with the UN objectives.[848] In February 1985, the GC announced that the Youth Department had joined in planning for the *UN International Year of Youth.* They reported that some groups celebrated the year by placing special "emphasis on peace and participation in development."[849] The International Year of Youth was promoted in denominational periodicals.[850]

GC UN-related Official Statements before consultative status.[851]

The following statement is listed under "what we believe" on the Adventist.org website.

Peace Message to All Men of Goodwill[852] Statement

Date Voted: Identified as being voted on April 1, 1980 (said to be voted at the GC in Session, but the session was held April 16–26, 1980).[853] This statement was released to the GC in Session at the same time that a statement entitled *Prophetic Guidance for the Church*[854] on the writings of Ellen White. However, this

[848] United Nations, "International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace" (Resolution A/RES/40/14), November 18, 1985, 1–2 (191–192), accessed December 30, 2025, https://docs.un.org/en/A/RES/40/14.
[849] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *General Conference Committee Minutes*, (Washington, D.C.: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 1985), 85-55, accessed December 6, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1985-02.pdf.
[850] Robert Nixon, "SDAs Plan for International Year of Youth," *Adventist Review* 162, no. 12 (March 21, 1985): 19, accessed December 17, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/RH/RH19850321-V162-12.pdf.
[851] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Official Statements," accessed December 17, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements.
[852] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *Peace Message to All People of Good Will*, adopted by the General Conference in Session, April 1, 1980, accessed December 17, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/peace-message-to-all-people-of-good-will.
[853] Adventist Archives, *General Conference Session Dates*, accessed December 18, 2025, https://www.adventistarchives.org/gcsessiondates.
[854] General Conference Bulletin No. 9, *Adventist Review* (General Organ of the Seventh-day Adventist Church), May 1, 1980, 32, accessed December 25, 2025, *Adventist Archives*, accessed December 25, 2025, 19, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/GCSessionBulletins/GCB1980-09.pdf.

latter statement never became an *Official Statement* on the Adventist.org website. It is not clear why.

UN Event / Document: Pope John Paul II addressed the UN in October 1979. He said,

"The Catholic Church in every place on Earth proclaims a message of peace, prays for peace, educates for peace. This purpose is also shared by the representatives and followers of other Churches and Communities and of other religions of the world, and they have pledged themselves to it. In union with efforts by all people of good will, this work is certainly bearing fruit."[855]

Theological Concerns:

In Luke 2:24, the King James Bible reads, "Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth peace, good will toward men." The Latin Vulgate (Catholic) Bible says, "gloria in altissimis Deo et in terra pax in hominibus bonae voluntatis." The English translation is, "Glory to God in the highest: and on Earth peace to men of good will." The title of this statement is not Biblical and is based on false doctrine.

The third paragraph of the statement says, "We call on all Seventh-day Adventists and other people of good will, inasmuch as in them lies, to help create atmospheres of cooperation and brotherhood, leading to exchanges between different cultures and ideological systems and better understanding between men of all races, faiths, and political persuasions." The idea of good-will lying in the heart of men is contrary to Scripture.[856] Moreover, the Bible makes it clear that cooperation and brotherhood cannot exist between different ideologies or faiths.[857]

[855] United Nations General Assembly, *Address by His Holiness Pope John Paul II to the Thirty-Fourth Session of the General Assembly, 2 October 1979* (A/34/566) (New York: United Nations, October 11, 1979), 11, accessed December 12, 2025, https://docs.un.org/en/A/34/566.

[856] Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 7:18.

[857] Matthew 12:50; Numbers 23:9; Joel 3:17; Amos 3:3.

UN International Years after consultative status.

- ***UN International Year of Peace*** in 1986**.** In October 1985, the GC announced that it would be commemorating the UN International Year of Peace. The GC said it would help to emphasise the UN as the "most credible political organization working for peace on a worldwide basis" (emphasis supplied). The GC Annual Council said they urged "every Seventh-day Adventist, in harmony with the International Year of Peace (1986), by precept and personal example, to work for peace" (emphasis supplied). They also urged all "pastors to preach sermons, promote program and projects in schools." They asked all 5000 Seventh-day Adventist schools around the globe to prepare programs to support the UN International Year of Peace.[858]
- ***UN Year of the Family*** in 1994. In April 1991, the General Conference voted "to designate 1994 as the Year of the Family for the World Church, wherever possible, to correspond with the UN *International Year of the Family* scheduled for that year."[859] In November 1993, the GC had "registered Seventh-day Adventist participation with the United Nations," and was calling on local Churches and pastors to implement: relevant service projects, utilise action kits developed by Church administration, and conduct family life seminars.[860] Promotion of the

[858] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *General Conference Committee Minutes, October 1985* (Washington, D.C.: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 1985), 85-432 - 85-432, accessed December 17, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1985-10.pdf.
[859] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *General Conference Committee Minutes, April 1991* (Silver Spring, MD: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 1991), 91-109, accessed December 17, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1991-04.pdf.
[860] North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, *Executive Committee Minutes*, November 3, 1993, 93-250 - 93-251, accessed December 17, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/NAD/NAD19931103-01.pdf.

International Year of the Family appeared in Sabbath School Quarterlies[861] In October 1994, the GC reported that they were one of four organizations, and the only religious organization, to get an award from the UN for their involvement in the International Year of the Family. All Annual Council delegates were given a lapel pin featuring the *International Year of the Family* logo.[862]

In the *Quadrennial Report* to the UN, the GC reported that, "The General Conference Women's Ministry has been working closely with the United Nations. This appendage participated in the World Forum for the International Year of the Family (IYF) in 1993 in Malta and had its events listed on the United Nations IYF calendar. Thousands of leaders in the local women's organization have been promoting grass-roots participation in IYF in 1994."[863]

- ***UN Year of Tolerance*** in 1995.[864] The GC administrative committee issued an Official Statement called *Tolerance* to commemorate the year.[865]

[861] Frank B. Holbrook, *Adult Sabbath School Lessons: Jeremiah & Lamentations — A Place in His Plan, April–June 1994*, principal contributor (Silver Spring, MD: Review and Herald Publishing Association, 1994), 114, accessed December 17, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/SSQ/SS19940401-02.pdf. Brian Jones *Adult Sabbath School Lessons: The Three Angels Messages, Last Call for Heaven*, October-December 1994, 123, accessed December 9, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/SSQ/SS19941001-04.pdf.
[862] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *General Conference Committee Minutes, October 1994* (Silver Spring, MD: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 1994), 94-330, accessed December 17, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1994-10c.pdf.
[863] United Nations, *Economic and Social Council*, *Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations*, *Quadrennial Reports, 1990–1993*, (E/C.2/1995/2), December 16, 1994, accessed December 24, 2025, https://docs.un.org/en/E/C.2/1995/2.
[864] United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Proclamation of the United Nations Year for Tolerance and Plan of Action* (Paris: UNESCO Executive Board, 141st session), accessed December 23, 2025, https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000094612.
[865] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "*Tolerance*" (Official Statement), June 29, 1995, accessed December 23, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/tolerance.

- ***UN Fiftieth Anniversary of the UN Universal Declaration on Human Rights*** in 1998. In April 1998, the GC voted "to approve a program to be used by churches worldwide on December 12, 1998 [Sabbath] to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights." The program was to be called *Human Rights—A Gift of God*. It was to be made available as a kit to all Churches. It was to include a sermon and prayer, a children's story, a statement of consecration, the text of the *UN Universal Declaration on Human Rights*, Ellen White statements on human rights, Church initiatives to address international issues since 1863 [when the GC was initially formed], and a press release.[866]
- ***UN International Year of Older Persons*** in 1999.[867] Denominational periodicals published articles promoting this year to members of the Church.[868]
- ***UN International Year for the Culture of Peace*** in 2000.[869] The denominational periodical, *Visitor*, published an article about hosting a Sabbath event at the Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church to commemorate the event.[870]

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[866] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *General Conference Committee Minutes, April 1998* (Silver Spring, MD: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 1998), 98-19-20, accessed December 17, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1998-04.pdf.
[867] United Nations General Assembly, *International Year of Older Persons* (Resolution A/RES/50/141), adopted 1995, accessed December 17, 2025, https://docs.un.org/en/A/RES/50/141.
[868] Malcolm Bull, "God of the Elderly," *Australian Adventist Record* 104, no. 40 (October 16, 1999): 9, accessed December 17, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/AAR/AAR19991016-V104-40.pdf.
[869] United Nations General Assembly, *Proclamation of the Year 2000 as the International Year for the Culture of Peace* (Resolution A/RES/52/15), adopted November 20, 1997, accessed December 17, 2025, https://docs.un.org/en/A/RES/52/15.
[870] Viki Montgomery, "Faith, Peace, Harmony 2000," *Visitor* 105, no. 15 (September 1, 2000): 27, accessed December 17, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/CUV/CUV20000901-V105-15.pdf.

- ***UN International Year of Sanitation*** in 2008.[871] The *Canadian Union Messenger* ran an article to commemorate this year.[872]
- ***UN International Year of Languages*** in 2008. An official Church periodical published an article that provided an example of how this year was celebrated at a local Seventh-day Adventist school.[873]

Official Statements after consultative status[874]

- Every GC Official Statement released from 1985, except one, was either not voted on by anyone or was voted on by a small select group of people in the GC administration. This means that the Biblical priesthood-of-believers principle has been laid aside. Ellen White had this to say about this form of governance,

> *"At times, when a small group of men entrusted with the general management of the work have, in the name of the General Conference, sought to carry out unwise plans and to restrict God's work, I have said that I could no longer regard the voice of the General Conference, represented by these few men, as the voice of God. But this is not saying that the decisions of a General Conference composed of an assembly of duly appointed, representative men from all parts of the field should not be*

[871] United Nations General Assembly, *International Year of Sanitation* (Resolution A/RES/61/192), adopted December 20, 2006, accessed December 17, 2025, https://docs.un.org/en/A/RES/61/192.
[872] Christina Masching, "2008: The UN International Year for Sanitation," *Current Update Magazine* 77, no. 1 (January 1, 2008): 16, accessed December 17, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/CUM/CUM20080101-V77-01.pdf.
[873] Karyn Asher, "College Holds Multicultural Festival," *Australian Adventist Record* 113, no. 32 (August 23, 2008): 7, accessed December 17, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/AAR/AAR20080823-V113-32.pdf.
[874] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Official Statements," accessed December 17, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements.

> *respected. God has ordained that the representatives of His church from all parts of the Earth, when assembled in a General Conference, shall have authority. The error that some are in danger of committing is in giving to the mind and judgment of one man, or of a small group of men, the full measure of authority and influence that God has vested in His church in the judgment and voice of the General Conference assembled to plan for the prosperity and advancement of His work."*[875]

- The majority of GC Official Statements coincide with the UN releasing a document or instruments (e.g., resolutions) or specific UN events. Whilst the link between the GC statement and the UN is not always clearly articulated in the statement, there is often a strong association between UN activities and documents and the issuing of Official Statements by the GC.
- Some of the UN documents were publicly issued after the Official Statement was made. However, this does not exclude the link between the Official Statement and the UN. NGOs in consultative status with the UN are involved in meetings and dialogue before any relevant UN document is released. These NGOs are aware of the nature of the topic for discussion before it becomes public knowledge with the issuing of UN documents.
- There is a trend to release Official Statements in batches. It would seem that when a Statement that could face opposition is released, it is simultaneously released with a Statement or Statements that would appeal to more conservative, Bible-based, fundamentalist Seventh-day Adventists.

[875] Ellen G. White, *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 9 (Mountain View, CA: Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1909), 260.

- Many of the Official Statements are recorded as being voted on by the GC Administrative Committee; however, none of the committee meeting minutes are made available on the Adventistarchives.org website in order to verify this vote. The GC Executive Committee votes on some Statements, but no committee meeting minutes are available on the Adventistarchives.org website from 2014 onward to verify these votes.

Drugs[876] Statement

Date Voted: Not voted. "This public statement was released by the General Conference president, Neal C. Wilson, after consultation with the 16 world vice presidents of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, June 1985, at the General Conference session in New Orleans, Louisiana." The date of issuing is given as 1 June 1985. The General Conference Session happened from June 27 to July 6, 1985.[877]

UN Event / Document: In December 1984, the General Assembly of the UN adopted Article 39/141 of the *Draft Convention against Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances and Related Activities*. They requested ECOSOC (the specialised agency of which the GC is an NGO) to "Prepare a draft convention against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs" during 1985.[878]

In 1985, the UN voted on the *Milan Plan of Action* and declared crime a threat to human rights and urged global cooperation in drug abuse control.[879]

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[876] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Statement on Drugs," Official Statements, June 1, 1985, accessed December 18, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/drugs.

[877] Adventist Archives, *General Conference Session Dates*, accessed December 18, 2025, https://www.adventistarchives.org/gcsessiondates.

[878] United Nations General Assembly, *Resolution A/RES/39/141,* adopted December 18, 1984, accessed December 18, 2025, https://treaties.un.org/doc/source/docs/A_RES_39_141-E.pdf.

[879] United Nations, *Report of the Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders* (A/CONF.121/22), August 26–September 6, 1985, United Nations Digital Library, accessed December 22, 2025, https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/115943/files/a-conf-121-22-e.pdf.

Theological Concerns: One man wrote a statement that is now listed under beliefs on the official GC website, intended to represent the entire body of believers. This is contrary to Scripture, which identifies all of God's people as part of the priesthood, such that no one should lord it over or speak on behalf of another person.[880]

The statement says, "The Seventh-day Adventist Church urges every individual and every nation to cooperate in stamping out the worldwide drug epidemic that undermines the social structure of nations and on the individual level often kills its victims or leads them into lives of crime."[881] This sentence speaks to the issue of drug use as if it is a social, and not a spiritual, issue. To "cooperate in stamping out" drugs would be to advance the gospel and hasten the return of Christ, so that sin and its effects are eradicated. However, what this statement encourages is cooperation between Church members and unbiblical political entities, which appears to reflect its UN-based inspiration.

Racism[882]Statement

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UN Event / Document: In 1984, the UN launched another investigation on the racism inherent in Apartheid in South Africa.[883] The *Second World Conference on Combating Racism* was held in 1983, and resolutions were adopted in 1983 and

[880] Matthew 23:8–11; Luke 22:25; Romans 12:3; 1 Peter 5:3.
[881] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Drugs," Official Statements, June 1, 1985, accessed December 18, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/drugs.
[882] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Racism," Official Statements, June 27, 1985, accessed December 18, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/racism.
[883] United Nations Economic and Social Council, *Summary Record of the 10th Meeting of the Commission on Human Rights, 1984* (E/CN.4/1984/SR.10), accessed December 18, 2025, https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/65614/files/E_CN.4_1984_SR.10-EN.pdf

1984. In the resolution given to the general assembly it said it "appeals to all governments, United Nations organs, the specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations, as well as the concerned non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the *Economic and Social Council*, to participate in the observance of the second decade to combat racism and racial discrimination [ran from 1983 to 1993] by intensifying and extending their efforts towards ensuring the rapid eradication of racism and racial discrimination."[884] The Official Statement on the SDA website also specifically references apartheid.[885]

Theological Concerns: The statement says, "Therefore, racism is really a heresy and in essence a form of idolatry, for it limits the fatherhood of God by denying the brotherhood of all mankind and by exalting the superiority of one's own race."

The use of the words "brotherhood of all mankind" is once again a theological error.[886] There is always division among humanity.[887] We are not to mistreat those who do not wish to do the will of the Father,[888] but even Christ does not call them His brother.[889] Unity is not grounded in shared biology, but in shared redemption.[890] Furthermore, the "fatherhood of God" is limited, but by who the individual submits his will to, not by race.[891]

Once again, there is no vote taken to reflect the beliefs of the body of believers.[892]

[884] United Nations, *Document*, UN Digital Library Record 61380, accessed December 18, 2025, https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/61380?v=pdf.
[885] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Racism," Official Statements, June 27, 1985, accessed December 18, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/racism.
[886] Matthew 12:50; Numbers 23:9; Joel 3:17; Amos 3:3.
[887] Genesis 4, 6; Genesis 15:7; Matthew 13:30.
[888] Matthew 5:44.
[889] Matthew 12:46–50.
[890] Galatians 3:28.
[891] John 8:44.
[892] See discussion in Statement on Drugs.

Peace[893]Statement

Date Voted: Not voted. "This public statement was released by the General Conference president, Neal C. Wilson, after consultation with the 16 world vice presidents of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, on June 27, 1985, at the General Conference session in New Orleans, Louisiana."
UN Event / Document: In 1982, the UN General Assembly declared 1986 the *International Year of Peace.* The General Assembly said it, "Invites all States, all organizations of the United Nations system and interested non-governmental organizations, educational, scientific, cultural and research organizations and the communications media to co-operate with the Secretary-General in achieving the objectives of the International Year of Peace; [and] *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the widest possible dissemination of this Proclamation."[894]
Theological Concerns: The statement says, "The Seventh-day Adventist Church urges every nation to beat its swords into plowshares." It also says, "While peace cannot be found in official church pronouncements, the authentic Christian church is to work for peace between the first and second advents of Christ." [895]

However, we have one mission or work in this world between the first and second advents of Christ and it was given by Christ Himself. He said,

> *"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I*

[893] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Peace," Official Statements, June 27, 1985, accessed December 18, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/peace.
[894] United Nations, *International Year of Peace* (Resolution A/RES/40/3), October 24, 1985, accessed December 31, 2025, https://docs.un.org/en/A/RES/40/4?
[895] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Peace," Official Statements, June 27, 1985, accessed December 18, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/peace.

> *have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."*[896]

Paul wrote, "For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified."[897] Jesus also said, "Think not that I am come to send peace on Earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword."[898] By this, Jesus was referring to His word.

Peace does not come to the world by beating swords into plowshares; it comes through accepting the Prince of peace and His written word.[899] If we were to make preaching Christ and His word our only work, then those who receive it would have inner peace, and the world would end sooner. Then the swords would indeed have already been beaten into plowshares.[900] This event only occurs **after** the second coming of Christ, and after the Millennium, when the Lord reigns on Mount Zion.[901]

Between now and the second coming, we are told in Joel 3:9–12

> *"Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong. Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD. Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about."*

[896] Matthew 28:19.
[897] 1 Corinthians 2:2.
[898] Matthew 10:34.
[899] John 14:27, John 16:33, Acts 10:36.
[900] Isaiah 2:4; Micah 4:3.
[901] Revelation 21:1–8.

This is a call to prepare ourselves for the final battle between good and evil. It speaks of a spiritual battle that does not bring the peace this world seeks, but yields to the peace God alone can bring.

The idea that the swords will be beaten to plowshares between the first and second coming of Christ is not the Seventh-day Adventist view of eschatology. It is based on an unbiblical assumption that a millennium of peace will be set up on this Earth.

The verse from Isaiah that talks of swords being beaten into plowshares appears on a gift from the USSR given to the UN in 1959.[902] It was also inscribed on a mural in Ralph Bunche Park which is opposite the UN headquarters in New York**.** The park was dedicated as the city's first Peace Park in 1985.[903] It appears that this *Peace* statement was made in harmony with the UN's call for NGOs to promote peace, specifically in 1986.

Sexual Behavior*[904]* Statement

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UN Event / Document**:** After *ECOSOC Resolution E/1987/100* was passed in July 1987,[906] the UN General Assembly had declared that AIDS had "assumed pandemic proportions affecting all regions of the world and represents a threat to the

[902] United Nations, *Let Us Beat Swords into Ploughshares*, UN Gifts, accessed December 22, 2025, https://www.un.org/ungifts/let-us-beat-swords-ploughshares.
[903] Ralph Bunche Park," *Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia*, accessed December 22, 2025, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ralph_Bunche_Park.
[904] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Sexual Behavior," Official Statements, October 12, 1987, accessed December 22, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/sexual-behavior.
[905] Ibid.
[906] United Nations General Assembly, *Prevention and Control of Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS)*, A/RES/42/8, 26 October 1987, United Nations Digital Library record no. 141743, accessed December 22, 2025, https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/141743?ln=en&utm_source=&v=pdf.

attainment of health for all" and thus the issues surrounding it needed to be urgently addressed.[907]

In October 1987, the General Assembly of the UN passed *Resolution 42/8 Prevention and Control of Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS)*. In this resolution, the General Assembly said that it,

> "Requests the Secretary-General, in view of all aspects of the problem, to ensure, in close co-operation with the Director-General of the World Health Organization and through the appropriate existing mechanisms, a coordinated response by the United Nations system to the AIDS pandemic, and urges all appropriate organizations of the United Nations system, including the specialized agencies, bilateral and multilateral agencies and nongovernmental and voluntary organizations, in conformity with the Global Strategy, to support the world-wide struggle against AIDS; and Invites the Director-General of the World Health Organization to report to the General Assembly at its forty-third session, through the Economic and Social Council, on new developments in the global AIDS pandemic, and requests the Economic and Social Council to consider the report in accordance with its mandate"[908] (emphasis supplied).

Theological concerns: There is a subtle message in this statement that indicates that sin, breakdown in society, and inappropriate sexual behaviour are primarily the result of the media. It does not mention the inherent depravity that exists in the nature of man[909] that predisposes a person to want to sin.

The statement suggests that, "By means of the cross, the power of the Holy Spirit in the "inner man," and the nurturing

[907] Ibid.
[908] United Nations General Assembly, *Prevention and Control of Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS)*, A/RES/42/8, 26 October 1987, accessed December 22, 2025, https://docs.un.org/en/A/RES/42/8.
[909] Jeremiah 17:9.

ministry of the Church, all may be freed from the grip of perversions and sinful practices"[910] (emphasis supplied). However, Paul tells us that by imbibing and obeying God's Word (the Bible), the Holy Spirit gives us knowledge of Christ in our hearts, making us pure and holy.[911] The 'nurturing ministry of the Church' is only effective if it is grounded thoroughly in the Word of God and the individual is receptive to obedience to that word.[912] This emphasis on the Word of God and obedience to it is omitted from this statement.

Ban on Sales of Assault Weapons to Civilians[913]Statement

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UN Event / Document**:** There was no specific UN event or document that happened at this time. It appears to have been issued in response to the Stockton schoolyard shooting in 1989[915] (as it makes a specific reference to guns appearing in schoolyards) and the subsequent *Assault Weapons Control Act* of US Congress in 1989.[916] However, it fits well within the philosophy of the UN Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons commencing in 2001, a global initiative to

[910] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Sexual Behavior," Official Statements, October 12, 1987, accessed December 22, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/sexual-behavior.
[911] Ephesians 3:16–19; 5:16–27.
[912] John 8:21–32.
[913] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Ban on Sales of Assault Weapons to Civilians," Official Statements, July 5, 1990, accessed December 22, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/ban-on-sales-of-assault-weapons-to-civilians.
[914] Ibid.
[915] "Stockton schoolyard shooting," *Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia*, accessed December 22, 2025, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stockton_schoolyard_shooting.
[916] United States Senate, *Assault Weapon Control Act of 1989*, S. 386, 101st Cong., 1st sess., introduced February 8, 1989, accessed December 22, 2025, https://www.congress.gov/bill/101st-congress/senate-bill/386/all-info.

reduce the use of small arms and light weapons through regulation.[917]

Theological Concerns: The statement says, "Seventh-day Adventists, with other people of good will, wish to cooperate in using every legitimate means of reducing, and eliminating where possible, the root causes of crime." It also says, "availability of guns leads to violence."

As is evidenced by the number of law-enforcement personnel who carry firearms who are not violent, and the numerous private citizens who also possess them who are also not violent, weapons are not the 'root cause' of crime. Sin alone is responsible. Despite Australia and the United Kingdom having some of the strictest gun laws,[918] crimes, including murders, continue to take place with the use of other weapons. The actual root cause, sin, is not mentioned once in the entire statement.

The statement also says, "Pursuits of peace and the preservation of life are to be the goals of Christians." This is indeed a worthy cause for Christians. However, this statement is made in the context of a GC that allows for Seventh-day Adventist health institutions to perform elective abortions.[919] Abortion is the leading cause of death worldwide, accounting for just over 42% of deaths in 2024. This amounts to more deaths in one year than the four years of World War I.[920] In light of this truth, this statement is full of hypocrisy, a sin that the

[917] United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific, *Programme of Action*, UNRCPD, accessed December 22, 2025, https://www.unrcpd.org/conventional-weapons/poa.
[918] "6 Countries With The Most Strict Gun Laws," Live and Invest Overseas, June 24, 2023, accessed December 22, 2025, https://www.liveandinvestoverseas.com/lifestyle/countries-with-the-strictest-gun-laws-in-the-world.
[919] George B. Gainer, "Abortion: history of Adventist guidelines," *Ministry Magazine*, August 1991, accessed December 22, 2025, https://www.ministrymagazine.org/archive/1991/08/abortion-history-of-adventist-guidelines.
[920] "Abortion the leading cause of death worldwide in 2024, killing more people than World War One," SPUC News, January 9, 2025, accessed December 22, 2025, https://spuc.org.uk/abortion-the-leading-cause-of-death-worldwide-in-2024-killing-more-people-than-world-war-one.

Lord abhors.[921] It appears to be a statement to seem politically relevant to the powers of this Earth. This is even though the Kingdom of Christ is not of the world.[922]

Pornography Statement*[923]*

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UN Event / Document**:** On 20 November, the General Assembly passed *Resolution 44/25 Convention on the Rights of the Child*. It refers to preventing "The exploitative use of children in pornographic performances and materials."[925] This is reflected in the statement's words, "Particularly offensive is child pornography."

Theological Concerns:

The statement repeatedly frames pornography as wrong because it is "destructive," "addictive," and harmful to society and relationships. It leaves out the deeper reason why it is wrong: the fact that any harm caused to any human (self or others) is a sin against God.[926] Moreover, it leaves out the reality that when someone mistreats others, unless they repent, they will be cast into the everlasting fire upon His return.[927]

The focus of this statement on 'harm reduction' rather than faithfulness to the commandments of God is reflected in the

[921] Matthew 23:27–28.
[922] John 18:36.
[923] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Pornography," Official Statements, July 5, 1990, accessed December 22, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/pornography.
[924] Ibid.
[925] United Nations, *Convention on the Rights of the Child*, adopted 20 November 1989, General Assembly resolution 44/25, accessed December 22, 2025, https://www.ohchr.org/en/instruments-mechanisms/instruments/convention-rights-child.
[926] Psalm 51:4; Genesis 9:6; 1 Corinthians 6:19–20: Romans 8:5–8.
[927] Matthew 25:40–41.

quote included in the statement by the secular author, Norman Cousins: "The trouble with this wide open pornography . . . is not that it corrupts but that it desensitizes; not that it unleashes the passions but that it cripples the emotions; not that it encourages a mature attitude, but that it is a reversion to infantile obsessions; not that it removes the blinders, but that it distorts the view. Prowess is proclaimed but love is denied. What we have is not liberation but dehumanization." Yet the real trouble with pornography is that a desire to consume such material comes from an evil and corrupt heart[928] that needs to be cleansed from its evil by the Word of God.[929]

Homelessness and Poverty*[930]* Statement

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UN Event / Document**:** In 1990, the UN Development Program (UNDP) released a report on Human Development that highlighted the need to address homelessness and poverty.[932] The UN Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) launched its *Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000* in 1990. It specifically focused on homelessness.[933] In 1990, the *UN Commission on Human Rights* issued *Resolution 1990/14 on*

[928] Jeremiah 17:9.
[929] Ephesians 5:26.
[930] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Homelessness and Poverty," Official Statements, July 5, 1990, accessed December 22, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/homelessness-and-poverty.
[931] Ibid.
[932] United Nations Development Programme, *Human Development Report 1990*, Human Development Report Office, DP(058)/H8 (New York and Oxford, England: United Nations Development Programme and Oxford University Press, 1990), accessed December 22, 2025, https://hdr.undp.org/system/files/documents/hdr1990encompletenostats.pdf.
[933] United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS), *Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000* (Nairobi: UN Centre for Human Settlements, 1990), accessed December 22, 2025, https://www.ircwash.org/sites/default/files/UN-HABITAT-1990-Global.pdf.

Human Rights and Extreme Poverty. It requested that "non-governmental organizations, to give the necessary attention to this problem when they make known their views on human rights based on solidarity, pursuant to General Assembly Resolution 44/148." [934]

Theological Concerns:

The Statement says, "The fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah is precious to Seventh-day Adventists. We see our responsibility in this chapter as those raised up to be "The repairer of the breach, the restorer of paths to dwell in" (verse 12). "The call is to restore and "to loose the bands of wickedness … to deal thy bread to the hungry … bring the poor that are cast out to thy house … when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him" (verses 6, 7). So, as repairers of the breach, we are to restore and care for the poor. If we carry out the principles of the law of God in acts of mercy and love, we will represent the character of God to the world."[935]

One of the founders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church wrote, "I was shown that the precious promises of Isaiah 58:12–14 apply to those who labor for the restoration of the true Sabbath."[936] Bringing to the world the message of the true seventh-day Sabbath brings a message of peace and restores the broken relationship between God and man,[937] which truly does "loose the bands of wickedness"[938] and brings the living bread of life[939] to the hungry soul, brings them into the house of the Lord,[940] and covers their nakedness with the

[934] United Nations Commission on Human Rights, *Human Rights and Extreme Poverty* (Resolution E/CN.4/RES/1990/15), February23, 1990, accessed December 22, 2025, https://www.refworld.org/legal/resolution/unchr/1990/en/7861.
[935] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Homelessness and Poverty," Official Statements, July 5, 1990, accessed December 22, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/homelessness-and-poverty.
[936] Ellen G. White, *Christian Experience and Teachings of Ellen G. White* (Mountain View, CA: Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1922), 87.
[937] Isaiah 58:13–14; Hebrews 4; Revelation 22:14.
[938] Isaiah 58:6; Hebrews 2:15; 1 Peter 3:18–20.
[939] Matthew 4:4; John 6:51.
[940] Jeremiah 7:2–3; Psalm 27:4; Psalm 127:1.

righteousness of Christ.[941] This statement does not make reference to the true meaning of this passage in Isaiah 58.

Historic Stand for Temperance Principles and Acceptance of Donations Statement Impacts Social Change [942]Statement

Date Voted: "This statement was approved and voted by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Executive Committee at the Annual Council session in Silver Spring, Maryland, October 11, 1992."[943]

UN Event / Document**:** There appears to be no link to any UN event or document. There is a link, however, to Seventh-day Adventist hospital foundations and other Seventh-day Adventist organizations accepting financial gifts from the alcohol and tobacco industry.[944] There was also an awareness among the GC that the tobacco industry had developed a well-formulated plan to increase sales, and they felt a statement on tobacco and alcohol was advisable.[945]

Theological Concerns: The focus of this statement on tobacco, alcohol, and "improper drugs" without providing the principles that define what is harmful and the rationale for avoiding it does not present the true historic stance of Biblical temperance that the Church has held. Temperance is abstinence from that

[941] Ezekiel 16:8; Revelation 3:18.
[942] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Historic Stand for Temperance Principles and Acceptance of Donations: Statement on Impacts of Social Change," Official Statements, October 11, 1992, accessed December 22, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/historic-stand-for-temperance-principles-and-acceptance-of-donations-statement-impacts-social-change.
[943] Ibid.
[944] General Conference Committee, *Minutes of the General Conference Committee Meeting, February 1990*, GCC1990-02, 32, accessed December 23, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1990-02.pdf. North American Division Committee, *Minutes of the North American Division Committee Meeting, June 20, 1990*, NAD19900620-01, 79, accessed December 23, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/NAD/NAD19900620-01.pdf.
[945] General Conference Committee, "Minutes of Spring Meeting," April 4, 1990, 90-108, accessed December 23, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1990-04.pdf.

which is harmful and moderation in that which is good.[946] Only that which God made has been deemed good by God.[947] The reason for such temperance is that our bodies are not our own; they were bought with a price.[948]

The significant focus of this statement on recommending that Seventh-day Adventist institutions not accept funds from the tobacco and alcohol industries fails to outline the principles for determining which donations and partnerships should be accepted. Thus, while a Seventh-day Adventist institution may not receive funds from these two industries, they have been freely able to enter into partnerships with and accept funds from Disney[949] and other entities[950], that have no interest in sharing the valid Biblical temperance message.[951] This provides the platform for any SDA entity to form partnerships and receive funds from the UN via specialized agencies such as the WHO.

On the Advent Health website, they promote their partnership with Walt Disney World and include a video that says, "When we believe in the human spirit, there's nothing we can't overcome." The caption under the video says, "AdventHealth believes in the power of the human spirit and celebrates the

[946] Ellen G. White, *Patriarchs and Prophets* (Oakland, CA: Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1890), 562;
Ellen G. White, *Christian Temperance and Bible Hygiene* (Battle Creek, MI: Good Health Publishing Company, 1890), 27; Ellen G. White, *Temperance* (Mountain View, CA: Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1949), 289.
[947] Genesis 1.
[948] 1 Corinthians 6:19–20.
[949] AdventHealth, *"Walt Disney Pavilion | AdventHealth for Children,"* AdventHealth, accessed December 23, 2025, https://www.adventhealth.com/hospital/adventhealth-children/walt-disney-pavilion.
[950] AdventHealth, *"AdventHealth Sports and Entertainment Partnerships,"* AdventHealth, accessed December 23, 2025, https://www.adventhealth.com/adventhealth-sports-and-entertainment-partnerships#:~:text=Learn%20More-,Osceola%20Magic,USTA%20National%20Campus.
[951] Tampa Bay Buccaneers, *"Food & Drink Offerings at Raymond James Stadium | Tampa Bay Buccaneers Home Games,"* Tampa Bay Buccaneers, accessed December 23, 2025, https://www.buccaneers.com/stadium/gameday/food-beverage. This demonstrates that one of Adventist Health partners, Tampa Bay Buccaneers sells alcohol.

triumphs of real patients and providers. Because when we believe in the human spirit, amazing things happen."[952] This is entirely contrary to Scripture![953]

Disney is broadly known for its promotion of witchcraft.[954] True temperance would call every faithful Christian and Christian organization to flee from such unions.[955]

Reliance on Official Statements, rather than the word of God, for guidance on temperance leads to hypocrisy and short-sightedness regarding the fullness of the righteousness God calls us to partake of.[956]

Caring for the Environment[957] Statement

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UN Event / Document**:** 1992 was a landmark year for the UN on the environment and sustainable development with the Rio de Janeiro *Earth Summit*. It established a "blueprint for international action on the environment." It was here that Agenda 21 was established. It was also this then that the seeds

[952] AdventHealth, *"AdventHealth and Disney World Partnership,"* AdventHealth, accessed December 23, 2025, https://www.adventhealth.com/adventhealth-sports-and-entertainment-partnerships/disney?utm_source=AdventHealth.com/Believers&utm_medium=Redirect&utm_campaign=Partnership_Disney_WoW_20.
[953] Matthew 19:26.
[954] Deborah Bunting, "Warning to Parents: New Disney Cartoon Teaches Kids How to Be Witches, Using a Demon to Do So," accessed December 30, 2025, https://cbn.com/news/news/warning-parents-new-disney-cartoon-teaches-kids-how-be-witches-using-demon-do-so. This article demonstrates how Disney promotes witchcraft.
Bailee Abell, *"'Ex-Witch' Warns Parents of Disney's New Show: 'Be Careful!',"* Inside the Magic, January 21, 2020, accessed December 23, 2025, https://insidethemagic.net/2020/01/the-owl-house-demonic-ba1/ This article demonstrates how Disney promotes witchcraft.
[955] 2 Chronicles 33:6; 1 Corinthians 10:14; 1 Timothy 6:11; 2 Timothy 2:22.
[956] Isaiah 52:11.
[957] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Caring for the Environment," Official Statements, October 12, 1992, accessed December 23, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/caring-for-the-environment.
[958] Ibid.

of the *Millennium Development Goals* were sown.[959] In UN *Resolution 44/228*, the Seventh-day Adventist church and ADRA, as NGOs in consultative status, were requested to contribute to the conference.[960] Moreover in section III of Agenda 21 *Strengthening the role of major groups, Strengthening the Role of Non-Governmental Organizations: Partners for Sustainable Development* it says, "Non-governmental organizations will also need to foster cooperation and communication among themselves to reinforce their effectiveness as actors in the implementation of sustainable development."[961]

The 1990–1993 *Quadrennial Report* to the UN by the GC for 1995 identified this statement as helping to fulfill their duty as NGOs of the UN. It said, "A position statement on the environment was adopted by a plenary of the General Conference to enlist concern by members, students, friends, neighbours and radio listeners for the physical world."[962]

Theological Concerns: The statement says, "God set aside the seventh-day Sabbath as a memorial and perpetual reminder of His creative act and establishment of the world. In resting on that day, Seventh-day Adventists reinforce the special sense of relationship with the Creator and His creation. Sabbath observance underscores the importance of our integration with the total environment."[963]

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[959] United Nations, "United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (Rio 1992)," United Nations, accessed December 23, 2025, https://www.un.org/en/conferences/environment/rio1992.
[960] "UN Conference on Environment and Development" (Resolution A/RES/44/228), adopted 22 December 1989, United Nations, accessed via UN Official Document System, https://docs.un.org/en/A/RES/44/228.
[961] United Nations, *Agenda 21*, Chapter 27: *Strengthening the Role of Non-Governmental Organizations: Partners for Sustainable Development*, accessed December 23, 2025, section 27.4, accessed December 23, 2025, https://www.un.org/esa/dsd/agenda21/res_agenda21_27.shtml.
[962] United Nations, *Economic and Social Council*, *Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations*, *Quadrennial Reports, 1990–1993* (E/C.2/1995/2), United Nations Official Document, December 16, 1994, accessed December 24, 2025, https://docs.un.org/en/E/C.2/1995/2.
[963] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Caring for the Environment," Official Statements, October 12, 1992, accessed December 23, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/caring-for-the-environment.

This passage implies an 'essence' or 'spirit' that connects the human with the environment — a common spirit in which one can influence the other directly. According to the Cambridge dictionary, "integration" means "the action or process of combining two or more things in an effective way."[964] This statement doesn't even say the 'living environment.' Therefore, if it were taken as it is written, it could be taken to mean that humans are combined with any environment, living or otherwise.

As one author wrote,

> "*The theory that God is an essence pervading all nature is one of Satan's most subtle devices. It misrepresents God and dishonors His greatness and majesty. The Word of God does not sustain pantheistic theories.... They gratify the natural heart and give license to inclination."965*

The same author wrote this,

> *"The theory that God is an essence pervading all nature is received by many who profess to believe the Scriptures; but, however beautifully clothed, this theory is a most dangerous deception. It misrepresents God and is a dishonor to His greatness and majesty. And it surely tends not only to mislead, but to debase men. Darkness is its element, sensuality its sphere.... These theories, followed to their logical conclusion, sweep away the whole Christian economy. They do away with the necessity for the atonement and make man his own savior."966*

We are not integrated with ANY environment. We have an entirely different essence of life in us compared to other living

[964] Cambridge Dictionary, s.v. "integration," accessed December 23, 2025, https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/integration.
[965] Ellen G. White, *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 8 (Mountain View, CA: Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1904), 291.
[966] Ellen G. White, *The Ministry of Healing* (Mountain View, CA: Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1905), 428–29.

aspects of our environment, and there is no life in the man-made environment. No person's existence can be integrated with a tree, a flower, or an animal. This concept is pantheism.

Whilst sin has indeed brought death on all creation,[967] no amount of Sabbath observance between now and the return of Jesus Christ will restore the environment.[968]

The passage also implies that sabbath observance is about rest, and one of the main reasons sabbath observance is undertaken is a means of restoring the environment through our resting. This is theologically wrong for two reasons (beyond those already stated):

1. True Sabbath observance is not about just resting from labor, but about setting it apart and making it holy[969] which requires being in the presence of and worshipping the Lord Jesus.[970]
2. The main reason why God admonishes us to observe the seventh-day Sabbath is to remember that He is our Creator,[971] and that He can recreate us to make us pure and holy.[972]

The statement also says, "Since human poverty and environmental degradation are interrelated, we pledge ourselves to improve the quality of life for all people. Our goal is a sustainable development of resources while meeting human needs." However, the Bible says, **"**Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the Earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the Earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished."[973] The sustainable development goals of the UN should have no part of the Christian Church.

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[967] Romans 8:20.
[968] Romans 8:22–25; 1 Thessalonians 2:19.
[969] Exodus 20:8; Leviticus 23:3.
[970] Revelation 15:4; Exodus 3:5.
[971] Exodus 20:9.
[972] Exodus 31:3; Ezekiel 20:12.
[973] Isaiah 51:6.

The Statement continues with, "Genuine progress toward caring for our natural environment rests upon both personal and cooperative effort. We accept the challenge to work toward restoring God's overall design. Moved by faith in God, we commit ourselves to promote the healing that rises at both personal and environmental levels from integrated lives dedicated to serve God and humanity." This passage seeks to align the entire Seventh-day body of believers with the whole global community of Christians and non-Christians alike. The Bible is clear that Christians are not to take guidance from or join in associations with the world.[974]

Birth Control[975] Statement

Date Voted: "This recommendation was voted by the Christian View of Human Life Committee at Pine Springs Ranch, California, April 10–12, 1994, and was voted by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Administrative Committee (ADCOM), Silver Spring, Maryland, July 26, 1994."[976]

UN Event / Document**:** In 1994, the UN ran the *International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD).* This event provided global policy guidance on population, reproductive health, and reproductive rights.[977] Whilst this conference was couched as a way of empowering women to fully realise their reproductive rights,' a significant aspect of it was about addressing "issues relating to population, the environment,

[974] Deuteronomy 28:12; Numbers 23:9.
[975] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Birth Control," Official Statements, July 26, 1994, accessed December 23, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/birth-control.
[976] Ibid.
[977] United Nations, *Population and Development, Volume 1: Programme of Action Adopted at the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5–13 September 1994*, ST/ESA/SER.A/149 (New York: United Nations Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis, 1995), accessed December 23, 2025, https://www.un.org/development/desa/pd/sites/www.un.org.development.desa.pd/files/files/documents/2020/Jan/un_1995_programme_of_action_adopted_at_the_international_conference_on_population_and_development_cairo_5-13_sept._1994.pdf.

and consumption patterns."[978]Article 7.48 Calls NGOs in conjunction with government agencies to educate parents on reproductive rights for their children,[979] and in 13.6, both parties should do all they can to ensure the program's implementation.[980] One of the recommended actions to achieve this was the publication of print and electronic media (recommendation 16.8).[981]

The GC reported to the UN in its 1999 *Quadrennial Report*, "Representatives from our organization attended the Fourth World Conference on Women NGO Forum at Beijing (1995) and the meeting of the NGO Committee on the Family at Vienna in 1996."[982]

Theological Concerns: The statement says, "Christian married couples have a potential for fertility control that has created many questions with wide-ranging religious, medical, social, and political implications." It then lists one of the implications and concerns as, "Stewardship issues related to population growth and the use of natural resources."

When God spoke to Adam and Eve, He told them to be "fruitful and multiply."[983] There has never been an injunction by the Lord not to have children for the sake of the environment. God has promised, "While the Earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."[984] The number of people is not what causes harm to this planet. The problem is sin,[985] not children.

The statement also went on to discuss birth control measures, including Mifepristone, a drug commonly used for

[978] Ibid., 1.
[979] Ibid., 38.
[980] Ibid., 68.
[981] Ibid., 82.
[982] United Nations, *Economic and Social Council*, *Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations*, *Report on the work of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, Addendum* (E/C.2/1999/2/Add.1), United Nations Official Document, January 11, 1999, accessed December 24, 2025, https://docs.un.org/en/E/C.2/1999/2/Add.1.
[983] Genesis 1:28.
[984] Genesis 8:22.
[985] Romans 8:20–22.

pharmaceutically induced abortions up to 10 weeks of gestation.[986] It is not the responsibility of the Church to advise on contraception options. The responsibility of the Church is to preach the everlasting gospel unto all the world.[987] A person begins life in the womb.[988] It is against Scripture for a Church to condone the use of an abortion pill.[989]

Tolerance[990] Statement

Date Voted: "This statement was approved and voted by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Administrative Committee (ADCOM) and was released by the Office of the President, Robert S. Folkenberg, at the General Conference session in Utrecht, the Netherlands, June 29–July 8, 1995."[991]

UN Event / Document**:** UN *Year of Tolerance*[992]

In the 1999 *Quadrennial Report* to the UN, the GC said, "Our organization highlighted the United Nations proclamation of 1995 as the International Year of Tolerance with a written statement to our members from our quinquennial world convocation at Utrecht, the Netherlands."[993]

Theological Concerns: This statement aligned the Seventh-day Adventist Church with UNESCO's *Declaration on Principles of*

[986] Morgan Coulson, "*What Is Mifepristone, aka 'The Abortion Pill'?*," Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, October 8, 2025, accessed December 23, 2025, https://publichealth.jhu.edu/2025/what-is-mifepristone-aka-the-abortion-pill.
[987] Revelation 14:6.
[988] Genesis 25:23; Isaiah 49:5; Jeremiah 1:5; Hosea 12:3; Luke 1:15, 41, 44.
[989] Exodus 20:13; 21:22; 23:7; Psalm 106:37–50.
[990] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Tolerance," Official Statements, June 29, 1995, accessed December 23, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/tolerance.
[991] Ibid.
[992] United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Proclamation of the United Nations Year for Tolerance and Plan of Action* (Paris: UNESCO Executive Board, 141st session), accessed December 23, 2025, https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000094612.
[993] United Nations, *Economic and Social Council*, *Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations*, *Report on the work of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, Addendum* (E/C.2/1999/2/Add.1), United Nations Official Document, January 11, 1999, accessed December 24, 2025, https://docs.un.org/en/E/C.2/1999/2/Add.1.

Tolerance 1995.[994] As UNESCO writes, the acceptance of the UN *Declaration on Principles of Tolerance* also brings the Church into alignment with all the relevant instruments that pertain to the *Declaration on Principles of Tolerance* document including the following instruments:

- *The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,*
- *The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,*
- *The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,*
- *The Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide,*
- *The Convention on the Rights of the Child,*
- *The 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol and regional instruments,*
- *The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,*
- *The Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment,*
- *The Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance Based on Religion or Belief,*
- *The Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities,*
- *The Declaration on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism,*
- *The Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action of the World Conference on Human Rights,*
- *The Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Summit for Social Development,*

[994] United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Declaration of Principles on Tolerance*, adopted November 16, 1995 (Paris), accessed December 23, 2025, https://www.unesco.org/en/legal-affairs/declaration-principles-tolerance.

- *The UNESCO Declaration on Race and Racial Prejudice,*
- *The UNESCO Convention and Recommendation against Discrimination in Education,*

The *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights has been spoken* of a few times throughout this book. However, it is essential to note that this UN instrument removes religious liberty from individuals.[995]

Another instrument of concern in the UN's conception of tolerance is the *Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief*. This was the statement that SDA church representatives helped to write in 1982. Some of the wording of this instrument includes:[996]

> "Considering that it is essential to promote understanding, tolerance and respect in matters relating to freedom of religion or belief and to ensure that the use of religion or belief for ends inconsistent with the Charter, other relevant instruments of the United Nations and the purposes and principles of the present Declaration is inadmissible."

This portion of the declaration makes it clear that the tolerance that is defined by the UN and its instruments is the only form of tolerance it recognises.

Another portion of concern in this declaration includes:

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[995] UN General Assembly, "International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights" (Article 18.3), December 16, 1966, accessed October 12, 2025, https://www.ohchr.org/en/instruments-mechanisms/instruments/international-covenant-civil-and-political-rights. Article 18.3 says, "Freedom to manifest one's religion or beliefs may be subject only to such limitations as are prescribed by law and are necessary to protect public safety, order, health, or morals or the fundamental rights and freedoms of others."

[996] United Nations General Assembly, *Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief* (Resolution A/RES/36/55), adopted November 25, 1981, accessed December 23, 2025, https://www.ohchr.org/en/instruments-mechanisms/instruments/declaration-elimination-all-forms-intolerance-and-discrimination.

> Article 1.3, "3. Freedom to manifest one's religion or belief may be subject only to such limitations as are prescribed by law and are necessary to protect public safety, order, health or morals or the fundamental rights and freedoms of others."

This declaration permits nation states to make laws in regard to religion and beliefs if they deem it necessary for the safety, order, and health of others. As was done during the COVID-19 pandemic, it is quite possible that further laws that contravene a person's religious beliefs could be enacted to protect society's health.

> Article 5.3 says, "3. The child shall be protected from any form of discrimination on the ground of religion or belief. He shall be brought up in a spirit of understanding, tolerance, friendship among peoples, peace and universal brotherhood, respect for freedom of religion or belief of others, and in full consciousness that his energy and talents should be devoted to the service of his fellow men."

For a Christian parent who seeks to bring their child up in the fear and admonition of the Lord, whilst they would teach their child to love their fellow man as Jesus Christ does,[997] they would not have a desire to ensure that their child has a sense of "universal brotherhood."

The GC *Tolerance* statement says, "Tolerance, the capacity to *endure* unfavorable circumstances, is only a beginning. Christians and all people of good will, must go well beyond this negative concept and develop sympathy for beliefs or practices that not only differ, but even conflict with their own. Dialogue is certainly much better than diatribe. Human beings must learn to agree or disagree without violence; they must be able to discuss varying viewpoints without hate or rancor. This does not mean docility or abject submission, but partnership and respect for the equal rights of others."

[997] John 13:34–35.

The Bible is clear that there are no people who are naturally of good will.[998] We are also never to develop sympathy for the beliefs and practices of erroneous religions.[999] Christians are to take their beliefs from the infallible word of God, not the resources of a fallible human heart. The Bible admonition is,

> "*Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty*." [1000]

Smoking and Tobacco*[1001]* Statement

Date Voted: "This statement was approved and voted by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Administrative Committee (ADCOM) and was released by the Office of the President, Robert S. Folkenberg, at the General Conference session in Utrecht, the Netherlands, June 29–July 8, 1995."[1002]

UN Event / Document**:** In the early 2000s, the UN adopted the WHO *Framework Convention on Tobacco Control.* One of its objectives is to decrease the use and advertising of tobacco

[998] Romans 7:18.
[999] Amos 3:3.
[1000] 2 Corinthians 6:14–18.
[1001] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Smoking and Tobacco," Official Statements, June 29, 1995, accessed December 23, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/smoking-and-tobacco.
[1002] Ibid.

products worldwide.[1003] However, the origins of this WHO initiative were in the mid-1990s. In 1993, two public health professionals began suggesting to the World Health Organization (WHO) that it "utilize its constitutional authority to develop international conventions to advance global health" regarding tobacco regulation. The more comprehensive outline of their plan was delivered in 1995.[1004] The last paragraph of the GC ADCOM statement indicates that its philosophical basis is in the proposal made to the WHO.

Theological Concerns: There is no Biblical justification given in the whole statement, even by indirect reference, to the Bible. This statement appears to be geared towards informing national government policies and supporting the UN and WHO philosophy rather than proclaiming the gospel.

Holy Scriptures*[1005]* Statement

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UN Event / Document**:** There appears to be no association with any UN event or document. It was released at the same time as other statements that were more controversial.

Theological Concerns: Whilst this statement endorses the Bible, it does not make use of Scripture in any way.

[1003] World Health Organization, *WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC)*, accessed December 23, 2025, https://fctc.who.int.
[1004] Ruth Roemer, Allyn Taylor, and Jean Lariviere, "*Origins of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control*," *American Journal of Public Health* 95, no. 6 (June 2005): 936–38, doi:10.2105/AJPH.2003.025908, PMCID PMC1449287, accessed December 23, 2025, https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC1449287.
[1005] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "The Holy Scriptures," Official Statements, July 29, 1995, accessed December 23, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/the-holy-scriptures.
[1006] Ibid.

Environment[1007] Statement

Date Voted: "This statement was approved and voted by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Administrative Committee (ADCOM) and was released by the Office of the President, Robert S. Folkenberg, at the General Conference session in Utrecht, the Netherlands, June 29–July 8, 1995."[1008]

UN Event / Document**:** In 1995, the *World Summit for Social Development* was held, "the largest gathering of world leaders ever assembled."[1009] The report from this summit indicates that the UN view is that environmental degradation is due to consumerism, consumption, and production issues, global inequality, and social injustice.[1010] Themes communicated in the GC ADCOM statement.

Theological Concerns: There is no biblical reference to help frame this statement. Sin is not once mentioned as the underlying cause of environmental degradation. Not being involved in consumerism is presented as the cure to this world's ecological problems. Whereas Jesus Christ, the only cure, is not mentioned.

Religious Freedom[1011] Statement

Date Voted: "This statement was approved and voted by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Administrative Committee (ADCOM) and was released by the Office of the

[1007] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Environment," Official Statements, June 29, 1995, accessed December 23, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/environment.
[1008] Ibid.
[1009] United Nations, *World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6–12 March 1995*, accessed December 23, 2025, https://www.un.org/en/conferences/social-development/copenhagen1995.
[1010] United Nations General Assembly, *Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6–12 March 1995*, A/CONF.166/9, adopted March 12, 1995, accessed December 23, 2025, https://docs.un.org/en/A/CONF.166/9.
[1011] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Religious Freedom," Official Statements, July 29, 1995, accessed December 23, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/religious-freedom.

President, Robert S. Folkenberg, at the General Conference session in Utrecht, the Netherlands, June 29–July 8, 1995."[1012]

UN Event / Document**:** The *Report of the World Summit for Social Development* was released in 1995. Under principles and goals, it states, "We heads of State and Government are committed to a political, economic, ethical and spiritual vision for social development" [1013] (emphasis supplied). It committed to religious freedom [according to UN definitions] dozens of times throughout the document.[1014] Moreover, it spoke of strengthening organizations' (including NGOs) capacity to utilize different forms of communication media.[1015]

Theological Concerns: This statement says, "We recognize the need to champion freedom of conscience and religion as a fundamental human right, in harmony with the instruments of the United Nations." This is of grave concern to a Christian. The Bible is to be our standard of faith,[1016] and there are many instruments of the UN that are contrary to the principles of the Bible, as has been discussed in this book.

The statement also says, "As loyal citizens, Adventists believe they have the right to freedom of religion, subject to the equal rights of others." Whilst we are always to render unto this world's governments those things that belong to them,[1017] a Christian's citizenship is in heaven.[1018]

Women's Issues*[1019]* Statement

Date Voted: "This statement was approved and voted by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Administrative

[1012] Ibid.
[1013] United Nations General Assembly, *Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6–12 March 1995*, A/CONF.166/9, adopted March 12, 1995, 11 accessed December 23, 2025, https://docs.un.org/en/A/CONF.166/9.
[1014] Ibid.
[1015] Ibid., 42
[1016] Isaiah 8:20.
[1017] Luke 20:25.
[1018] Philippians 3:20.
[1019] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Women's Issues," Official Statements, July 7, 1995, accessed December 23, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/womens-issues.

Committee (ADCOM) and was released by the Office of the President, Robert S. Folkenberg, at the General Conference session in Utrecht, the Netherlands, June 29–July 8, 1995."

UN Event / Document**:** Fourth *World Conference on Women*. It was the most important of the Word Conferences on Women with a parallel NGO forum. It led to the development of the *Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action*.[1020] Those who participated in the conference were called, "Not only to serve as representatives of their governments and non-governmental organizations, but also to become committed crusaders in the struggle in which we have been engaged for many, many years."[1021]

In the 1990–1993 *Quadrennial Report* to the UN in 1995, the GC reported, "The General Conference Women's Ministry has been working closely with the United Nations."[1022]

Theological Concerns: The statement says, "Ultimately, we believe that the church will fulfill its mission only when women are empowered to achieve their full potential." Every individual must be given liberty to fulfil their God-given calling within the body of Christ.[1023] However, focusing on empowering women to achieve their full potential through 'gender equality' will not advance the mission of the Church. The mission of the Church will only be advanced when God's people repent of their sins, receive the gift of true repentance, and go on to obey the Word of God fully.[1024]

[1020] United Nations, "Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women" (Report A/CONF.177/20/Rev.1), Beijing, September 4–15, 1995, accessed December 30, 2025, https://docs.un.org/en/A/CONF.177/20/Rev.1.
[1021] Ibid.,190.
[1022] United Nations, *Economic and Social Council*, *Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations*, *Quadrennial Reports, 1990–1993* (E/C.2/1995/2), United Nations Official Document, December16, 1994, accessed December 24, 2025, https://docs.un.org/en/E/C.2/1995/2.
[1023] 1 Corinthians 12:4–5; Romans 12:4–6; Ephesians 4:7, 11–12.
[1024] Acts 3:19; 2 Chronicles 7:14; Zechariah 4:6.

Chemical Use, Abuse, and Dependency[1025] Statement

Date Voted: Not voted. "This public statement was released by the General Conference president, Neal C. Wilson, after consultation with the 16 world vice presidents of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, on July 5, 1990, at the General Conference session in Indianapolis, Indiana."[1026]

UN Event / Document**:** Across the early 1990s, there was increasing interest from the WHO expert committee on drug dependence. They released their 29th report in 1995.[1027]

Theological Concerns: The statement focuses on risk reduction and the societal impact of drugs. There is no reference to the need to be obedient or to repent. It also offers no Biblical solution to the underlying cause of drug dependency — sin.

Statement on Abuse and Family Violence[1028]

Date Voted: "This statement was approved and voted by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Administrative Committee (ADCOM) and was released by the Office of the President, Robert S. Folkenberg, at the General Conference session in Utrecht, the Netherlands, June 29–July 8, 1995."[1029]

UN Event / Document**:** The UN entity for *Gender Quality and Empowerment of Women* issued its *Platform of Action* in 1995.[1030] NGO participation in UN Women conferences and the

[1025] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Chemical Use, Abuse, and Dependency," Official Statements, July 5, 1995, accessed December 23, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/chemical-use-abuse-and-dependency.
[1026] Ibid.
[1027] World Health Organization, *Expert Committee on Drug Dependence: Twenty-eighth Report, WHO Technical Report Series No. 856* (Geneva: World Health Organization, 1995), https://ecddrepository.org/sites/default/files/2023-04/who_trs_856.pdf.
[1028] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *"Statement on Abuse and Family Violence,"* Official Statement, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, July 8, 1995, accessed December 23, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/statement-on-abuse-and-family-violence.
[1029] Ibid.
[1030] United Nations, *"Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action: Violence against Women,"* 1995, accessed December 23, 2025, https://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/beijing/platform/violence.htm.

NGOs' communication of the Platform's plans are considered crucial parts of the work of the Commission on the Status of Women.[1031]

The *Quadrennial Report* to the UN in 1995 noted the GC's active involvement in a UN conference on women's issues.[1032]

Theological Concerns: The Bible clearly calls for all victims to receive justice and compassion.[1033] This statement neither addresses the root cause of abuse and family violence, sin, nor does it provide a Biblical solution on how an individual may be able to resist a tendency towards abuse or violence. The statement does not express a redemptive attitude towards those who are perpetrators of abuse or violence. The Lord is "not willing that any should perish, but that all come to repentance."[1034]

Literacy[1035] Statement

Date Voted: "This statement was approved and voted by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Administrative Committee (ADCOM) and was released by the Office of the President, Robert S. Folkenberg, at the General Conference session in Utrecht, the Netherlands, June 29–July 8, 1995."[1036]

UN Event / Document: The UN *Beijing Platform for Action* (1995) was issued with a clear mandate in *Strategic Objective B* to improve women's education and literacy.[1037]

[1031] United Nations UN Women, "NGO Participation | Commission on the Status of Women," accessed December 23, 2025, https://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/ngo-participation.
[1032] United Nations, "Quadrennial Reports on the Activities of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council" (E.C.2/1995/2), December 16, 1994, 47-48, accessed December 30, 2025, https://docs.un.org/en/E/C.2/1995/2.
[1033] Psalm 82:2.
[1034] 2 Peter 3:9.
[1035] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Literacy," Official Statement, July 29, 1995, accessed December 23, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/literacy.
[1036] Ibid.
[1037] United Nations, *Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action*, adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, China, September 4–15, 1995, 1996, accessed December 23, 2025,

In their 2010 *Quadrennial Report*, the GC reported that it had submitted several statements to demonstrate its commitment to the *Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action*.[1038]

Theological Concerns: Whilst literacy is a significant social concern, literacy training in itself is not to be the focus of a Church. God's people are primarily called to equip others for the world to come.[1039]

Human Relations*[1040]* Statement

Date Voted: "This statement was approved and voted by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Administrative Committee (ADCOM) and was released by the Office of the President, Robert S. Folkenberg, at the General Conference session in Utrecht, the Netherlands, June 29–July 8, 1995."[1041]

UN Event / Document**:** Two 1995 *UN Commission on Human Rights* resolutions: 1) E/CN.4/RES/1995/11 *Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination*[1042] and 2) E/CN.4/RES/1995/12 *Measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance*.**[1043]**

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https://www.icsspe.org/system/files/Beijing%20Declaration%20and%20Platform%20for%20Action.pdf.

[1038] United Nations, *Economic and Social Council*, *Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations*, *Quadrennial Reports, 2009–2012, Addendum* (E/C.2/2010/2/Add.37), United Nations Official Document, 2010, accessed December 25, 2025, https://docs.un.org/en/E/C.2/2010/2/Add.37.

[1039] Matthew 28:19–20; Hebrews 13:14.

[1040] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Human Relations," 1995, accessed December 23, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/human-relations.

[1041] Ibid.

[1042] UN Commission on Human Rights, *Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination* (Resolution E/CN.4/RES/1996/8), April 11, 1996, accessed December 23, 2025, https://www.refworld.org/legal/resolution/unchr/1996/en/10675.

[1043] United Nations Commission on Human Rights, *"Report of the Secretary-General on the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination"* (E/CN.4/1996/72), 1996, accessed December 23, 2025, https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/228446/files/E_CN.4_1996_72-EN.pdf.

Theological Concerns: This statement primarily focuses on racism. The final paragraph of the statement invokes Fundamental Belief 13 of the Church: *The Remnant and Its Mission.* It quotes from this belief the following: "In Christ we are a new creation; distinctions of race, culture, learning, and nationality, and differences between high and low, rich and poor, male and female, must not be divisive among us. We are all equal in Christ, who by one Spirit has bonded us into one fellowship with Him, and with one another; we are to serve and be served without partiality or reservation."

Whilst it is true that *in Christ*, there is no distinction made concerning race, gender, or station in life,[1044] the tone of the statement seems to indicate that all people, regardless of beliefs, are to be considered part of one family. From Genesis 4, it is evident that there have always been two families on this Earth — those who wish to do the will of the Heavenly Father and those who want to do their own will. This will always be a distinction that exists until the Lord returns. The responsibility of the Christian is to invite all people to become part of the family of God by repenting and seeking the Lord.[1045]

The Dangers of Climate Change*[1046]* Statement

Date Voted: "This statement was approved and voted by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Administrative Committee (ADCOM) on December 19, 1995."[1047]

UN Event / Document**:** This was a call to governments to abide by *Agenda 21*, passed by the UN in 1992. In 1995, the *Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development* (OECD), which collaborates extensively with the UN on sustainable development, published the document *Development Partnerships in the New Global Context.* This was drafted with the cooperation of the Heads of Aid Agencies. All

[1044] Galatians 3:28.
[1045] Acts 17:26–30.
[1046] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "The Dangers of Climate Change," Official Statements December 19, 1995, accessed December 23, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/the-dangers-of-climate-change.
[1047] Ibid.

parties to the document committed to seeing sustainable development being achieved.[1048]

Theological Concerns: This statement begins with, "Scientists warn." It goes on to explain the rationale behind the climate change science. However, it does not counter it with any other scientific evidence, indicating that there may be an alternative theory regarding climate. Moreover, it does not once make reference to the Bible or Biblical themes. It is grounded in an ideology that seeks to enforce the UN sustainable development agenda on governments and society.

The statement suggests that the entire "World membership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church requests that the governments concerned take steps necessary" to implement Agenda 21. This is a highly dishonest sentence. This statement was never voted on or brought to the attention of the "World membership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church." The Bible strictly commands that the Christian is not to bear false witness.[1049]

Many Seventh-day Adventists and Bible-believing Christians find the language of "requesting governments" to do anything to be contrary to Scripture, which calls for the separation of church and state.[1050] The additional sentence of calling governments to initiate "More forcefully public debate on the risks of climate change" is suggestive of coercion of conscience.

[1048] Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, Development Assistance Committee. *Shaping the 21st Century: The Contribution of Development Co-operation* (Paris: OECD), May 1996, 23–24, accessed December 23, 2025, https://www.oecd.org/content/dam/oecd/en/publications/reports/1996/05/shaping-the-21st-century-the-contribution-of-development-co-operation_80a8e794/da2d4165-en.pdf.
[1049] Exodus 20:16.
[1050] John 18:36; 2 Corinthians 10:3–4; Revelation 17:2.

Marriage[1051] Statement

Date Voted: "This statement was approved and voted by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Administrative Committee (ADCOM) on April 23, 1996."[1052]

UN Event / Document**:** There does not appear to be a UN link. There was clearly a push to redefine marriage in the mid-1990s, which led to this GC statement and the United States *Defence of Marriage Act.*[1053]

Theological Concerns: There are no obvious theological concerns other than it was voted by a small group of people and seeks to provide an official belief that is in addition to the Bible.

Spiritual Renewal Impacts Social Change[1054] Statement

Date Voted: "This statement was approved and voted by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Administrative Committee (ADCOM) for release by the Office of the President, Robert S. Folkenberg, at the Annual Council session in San Jose, Costa Rica, October 1–10, 1996."[1055]

UN Event / Document**:** There does not appear to be a direct link to the UN.

Theological Concerns: The emphasis of this statement is the role that a Christian has in the community in which they live and operate. It says, "The Church serves as a watchman in society and as an empowering community, urging individuals and families to evaluate conditions around them, upholding

[1051] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Marriage," Official Statements, approved and voted by the General Conference Administrative Committee, April 23, 1996, accessed December 23, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/marriage.
[1052] Ibid.
[1053] Defense of Marriage Act, *Wikipedia*, last modified November 2025, accessed December 30, 2025, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Defense_of_Marriage_Act.
[1054] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Spiritual Renewal Impacts Social Change," Official Statements, October 1, 1996, accessed December 23, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/spiritual-renewal-impacts-social-change.
[1055] Ibid.

that which is good, and transcending and altering that which is detrimental." Whilst as Christians we are to be used by God to call people out of darkness into the marvellous light of the gospel,[1056] Christians are not the "healing and stabilizing force in times of change" as the statement asserts. God alone is the healer,[1057] and Jesus Christ alone is our peace.[1058] This statement seems to be situated in the context of promoting humanitarianism among Christians, not in sharing the gospel.

Smoking and Ethics*[1059]* Statement

Date Voted: "This statement was approved and voted by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Administrative Committee (ADCOM) for release by the Office of the President, Robert S. Folkenberg, at the Annual Council session in San Jose, Costa Rica, October 1–10, 1996."[1060]

UN Event / Document**:** The *World Health Assembly* (WHA) *International Framework Convention for Tobacco Control* (WHA49.17) was issued in 1996 and concluded research into the feasibility of the UN adopting comprehensive tobacco control strategies.[1061]

Theological Concerns: This statement says, "Seventh-day Adventists believe that the ethics of prevention require public policies that will reduce smoking." As with other statements, the broader membership of the Seventh-day Adventists did not vote or get consulted on this 'belief' that is referred to in this statement. Therefore, this sentence is a lie, something that God forbids us to do.[1062]

[1056] 1 Peter 3:8.
[1057] Exodus 15:26.
[1058] Ephesians 2:14.
[1059] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Smoking and Ethics," Official Statements, October 1, 1996, accessed December 30, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/smoking-and-ethics.
[1060] Ibid.
[1061] World Health Organization, *FORTY-NINTH World Health Assembly, WHA49.17, Agenda Item 17: "International Framework Convention for Tobacco Control,"* May 25, 1996, accessed December 23, 2025, https://iris.who.int/server/api/core/bitstreams/9eb6b479-6e82-446f-a5fa-bdb457203930/content.
[1062] Exodus 20:6.

The statement goes on to list public policies that they call upon governments to implement. The Church is not meant to be an organization that sees its role as advising governments on policies. The Church is neither an expert in this area nor has it been commissioned by God to give such advice.[1063]

Family Violence[1064] Statement

Date Voted: "This statement was voted by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Administrative Committee (ADCOM) on August 27, 1996, and was sent for consideration by the Annual Council in San Jose, Costa Rica, October 1–10, 1996."[1065]

UN Event / Document**:** UN General Assembly adopted *Resolution A/RES/50/166 The role of the United Nations Development Fund for Women in eliminating violence against women*.[1066]

Theological Concerns: There are no obvious theological concerns other than that it was voted on by a small group of people and seeks to provide an official belief that is in addition to the Bible.

Stewardship of the Environment[1067] Statement

Date Voted: "This statement was approved and voted by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Administrative Committee (ADCOM) for release by the Office of the President, Robert S. Folkenberg, at the Annual Council session in San Jose, Costa Rica, October 1–10, 1996."[1068]

[1063] Mark 16:1–16.
[1064] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Family Violence," Official Statements, October 1, 1996, accessed December 30, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/family-violence.
[1065] Ibid.
[1066] UN General Assembly, "The Role of the United Nations Development Fund for Women in Eliminating Violence Against Women" (Resolution A/RES/50/166), adopted December 22, 1995, accessed December 23, 2025, https://docs.un.org/en/A/RES/50/166.
[1067] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Stewardship of the Environment," Official Statements, October 1, 1996, accessed December 23, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/stewardship-of-the-environment.
[1068] Ibid.

UN Event / Document**:** There does not appear to be any direct UN event or document in 1996 that precipitated this statement.

Theological Concerns: The statement includes, "The government and people of Costa Rica are to be commended for their support of a comprehensive policy of sustainable development in harmony with nature." When a Church commends a particular nation for its policies, it comes across as a political endorsement. A Church is to teach moral principles, not to define civil order.

The overarching theme of this statement is the ongoing endorsement of the UN climate change agenda. However, instead of the Bible being used to define what good environmental stewardship looks like, a secular government is held up as the example for the world to follow.

Child Sexual Abuse[1069] Statement

Date Voted: "This statement was voted during the Spring Meeting of the General Conference Executive Committee on Tuesday, April 1, 1997, in Loma Linda, California."[1070]

UN Event / Document**:** *Declaration and Agenda for Action of the World Congress against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children*, from August 1996 (see *A/51/385*); ECOSOC *Report of the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography E/CN.4/1997/95*, released in early February 1997.[1071] This report was taken into consideration by the Commission on Human Rights, Rights of the Child[1072] in late

[1069] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Child Sexual Abuse," Official Statements, April 1, 1997, accessed December 23, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/child-sexual-abuse.
[1070] Ibid.
[1071] United Nations Commission on Human Rights, *Report of the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography* (E/CN.4/1997/95), February 7, 1997, accessed December 23, 2025, https://documents.un.org/doc/undoc/gen/g97/104/58/pdf/g9710458.pdf.
[1072] United Nations Commission on Human Rights, "Resolution 1997/78 on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography," adopted 18 April 1997, accessed December 23, 2025, https://hrlibrary.umn.edu/UN/1997/Res078.html.

February 1997; adoption of *Resolution A/RES/51/76 Girl Child* by the UN General Assembly in late February 1997.[1073]

Theological Concerns: This statement reads like a state or UN compliance document. The Church's mission is to uphold and promote the laws of God by preaching and living them out. We are not meant to be consumed with developing policy documents to place under beliefs to appease UN requirements.

How Seventh-day Adventists View Roman Catholicism[1074] Statement

Date Voted: Not voted. "This statement was recorded on April 15, 1997, by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Administrative Committee (ADCOM) and released by the Office of the President, Robert S. Folkenberg."[1075]

UN Event / Document**:** A *Multi-faith Dialogue Meeting* was first held in 1995. Then, a UNESCO multi-faith meeting in Malta in 1997 gave rise to the *Roads of Faith Malta Declaration.*[1076] The following statements are in this declaration:

> "Basing ourselves upon certain areas of convergence in our respective spiritual heritages, consider it more urgent than ever to develop and deepen the inter-faith dialogue so as to consolidate peace, mutual understanding, forgiveness and reconciliation."[1077]
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> "This dialogue, far from ignoring — the differences between our respective spiritual heritages, enables us, on the contrary, to discover those differences, to

[1073] United Nations General Assembly, "The Girl Child" (Resolution A/RES/51/76), adopted February 20, 1997, accessed December 23, 2025, https://docs.un.org/en/A/RES/51/76.
[1074] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "How Seventh-day Adventists View Roman Catholicism," April 15, 1997, accessed December 24, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/how-seventh-day-adventists-view-roman-catholicism/.
[1075] Ibid.
[1076] UNESCO, *Roads of Faith: The Malta Declaration*, UNESCO Document 109888, September 23, 1997, accessed December 24, 2025, https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000109888/PDF/109888engo.pdf.multi.
[1077] Ibid., 1.

> become better acquainted with one another and to enrich one another."[1078]
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> "Considering that we have need one of another, we have decided to base our action on our common faith in the Transcendence that gives life a meaning and the world a purpose. In doing so, we have resolved to turn our backs on everything that may have set us one against another in the past and march together, united by a common desire to live together in peace, justice, solidarity, mutual respect and fraternity."[1079]

The participants of the meeting committed to "Examination and analysis by each religious community of those features of its own textual tradition and sacred history that have been used to justify conflicts and violence, and also of the commandments, practices and teachings of those traditions that incite to tolerance and mutual respect, in order to make them better known: popular brochures presenting the chief religions and, as far as possible, any relevant publications along the same lines should be drafted and distributed;"[1080]

In the *Quadrennial Report* to the UN in 1999, the GC said, "Our organization cooperates with other NGOs and religious organizations. To build better understanding, we have official dialogues with the World Lutheran Federation, the Patriarchate of Constantinople and the World Reformed Alliance. The Church is a member of the World Christian Commission and an adviser to the World Council of Churches."[1081]

Theological Concerns: The statement says, "We work in concert with all agencies and bodies that seek to relieve human

[1078] Ibid.
[1079] Ibid., 2.
[1080] Ibid., 3.
[1081] United Nations, *Economic and Social Council*, *Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations*, *Report on the work of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, Addendum* (E/C.2/1999/2/Add.1), United Nations Official Document, January 11, 1999, accessed December 30, 2025, https://docs.un.org/en/E/C.2/1999/2/Add.1.

suffering and to uplift Christ before the world" (emphasis supplied).[1082] Whilst the Bible does not advocate demonstrating intolerance or bigotry towards anyone, the words 'in concert' would suggest that the objectives of the Seventh-day Adventist Church are in complete harmony with every other aid agency. As a Christian denomination, we have been called to spread the gospel as espoused in the Bible. To be able to work 'in concert' with every other agency means that the Seventh-day Adventist Church would have to lay aside the commission that Jesus Christ gave. This demonstrates disobedience to our Lord and Master.

The statement says, "Our primary task is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ in the context of Christ's soon return, not to point out flaws in other denominations." While the primary goal is to preach Jesus Christ, a faithful Christian will point out the scriptural flaws in other denominations. The Bible tells us to, "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins."[1083] If we truly love our fellow man, we will graciously rebuke their sins in the fear of the Lord,[1084] knowing that if we do not do so, their eternal damnation will be our responsibility.[1085]

The statement says, "Our compelling message for Christians and non-Christians alike is to communicate hope by focusing on the quality of life that is complete in Christ" (emphasis supplied). Whilst we are indeed complete in Jesus Christ,[1086] we are not to focus on the quality of life. In this world, the Christian is to expect tribulation, privation, and persecution.[1087] We are to bring a revelation of Jesus Christ

[1082] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "How Seventh-day Adventists View Roman Catholicism," April 15, 1997, accessed December 24, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/how-seventh-day-adventists-view-roman-catholicism/.
[1083] Isaiah 58:1.
[1084] Revelation 3:19.
[1085] Ezekiel 3:18; 33:6; 18:4.
[1086] Colossians 2:10.
[1087] John 16:33; 1 Peter 4:12; Luke 9:58; Matthew 5:11; Matthew 10:23; Luke 21:12.

through His Word that causes conviction, repentance, and conversion, such that the person can truly know Jesus and experience true salvation.[1088]

The statement says, "To blame past violations of Christian principles on one specific denomination is not an accurate representation of either history or the concerns of Bible prophecy. We recognize that at times Protestants, including Seventh-day Adventists, have manifested prejudice and even bigotry. If, in expounding on what the Bible teaches, Seventh-day Adventists fail to express love to those addressed, we do not exhibit authentic Christianity."

The above paragraph conflates the prejudice and bigotry that has been expressed by Protestants and Seventh-day Adventists with the significant, protracted persecution of Protestants by the Roman Catholic Church during the period of Papal supremacy. There is no doubt that there have been Protestants who have manifested the same spirit as the Roman Catholic Church, however, the largest volume of persecution was perpetrated by the Roman Catholic Church.

The final sentence in the paragraph also conflates teaching Bible truths as a form of persecution of Roman Catholics, akin to the era of extreme persecution. The Bible teaches that Christians are to be "as harmless as doves."[1089] However, as Christians seek to pursue peace with all men, they are to follow it with holiness "without which no man shall see the Lord."[1090] To those who love sin more than God, the words of Scripture will seem to lack love.[1091]

The statement says, "While we remain aware of the historical record and continue to hold our views regarding end-time events, we recognize some positive changes in recent Catholicism" (emphasis supplied). This idea of change stems from the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s, which opened

[1088] John 16: 7–11; Matthew 4:17; Matthew 7:21–23.
[1089] Matthew 10:16.
[1090] Hebrews 12:14.
[1091] John 3:19–20; 1 Corinthians 2:14; 2 Timothy 4:3–4.

the door to significant ecumenical dialogue across Christianity and other religions worldwide.[1092] However, this did not mean that the Roman Catholic Church had changed its doctrines. Its view of what is truth and what is heretical remains the same. Its view of those who are 'heretics' remains the same. Evidence of these assertions is as follows:

In the lead-up to the Vatican II Council, Pope John XXIII wrote in his encyclical *Ad Petri Cathedram*[1093] in preparation for the council. It included,

> "All the evils which poison men and nations and trouble so many hearts have a single cause and a single source: ignorance of the truth…[this gives rise to] all manner of errors, which enter the recesses of men's hearts and the bloodstream of human society as would a plague." By 'truth,' the Pope always means the Roman Catholic teachings on truth.[1094]
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> "Anyone who consciously and wantonly attacks known truth, who arms himself with falsehood in his speech, his writings, or his conduct … engages in an altogether despicable business." By 'falsehood,' the Pope always means that anything that opposes Roman Catholic teaching.[1095]

[1092] Joseph Thomas, "The Ecumenism of Vatican II, 60 Years Later," *National Catholic Register*, October 14, 2022, accessed December 24, 2025, https://www.ncregister.com/commentaries/the-ecumenism-of-vatican-ii-60-years-later.

[1093] John XXIII, *Ad Petri Cathedram*, June 29, 1959, accessed December 24, 2025, https://www.vatican.va/content/john-xxiii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_j-xxiii_enc_29061959_ad-petri.html.

[1094] The Pope wrote in *Ad Petri Cathedram*, "Some men, indeed do not attack the truth wilfully, but work in heedless disregard of it. They act as though God had given us intellects for some purpose other than the pursuit and attainment of truth. This mistaken sort of action leads directly to that absurd proposition: one religion is just as good as another, for there is no distinction here between truth and falsehood. "This attitude," to quote Pope Leo again, "is directed to the destruction of all religions, but particularly the Catholic faith, which cannot be placed on a level with other religions without serious injustice, since it alone is true" (emphasis supplied).

[1095] See above.

"All men, therefore, private citizens as well as government officials, must love the truth sincerely if they are to attain that peace and harmony on which depends all real prosperity, public and private." By this, the Pope means the Roman Catholic 'truth.'[1096]

"We are called brothers. We actually are brothers. We share a common destiny in this life and the next… All men, then, should turn their attention away from those things that divide and separate us, and should consider how they may be joined in mutual and just regard for one another's opinions and possessions."

"…someday all the sheep who are not of this fold will want to return to it. Then, in the words of God our Savior, "there shall be one fold and one shepherd… This fond hope compelled Us to make public Our intention to hold an Ecumenical Council [Vatican II]… We are already aware, to Our great joy, that m any of the communities that are separated from the See of Blessed Peter have recently shown some inclination toward the Catholic faith and its teachings… Indeed, the Catholic Church is set apart and distinguished by these three characteristics: unity of doctrine, unity of organization, unity of worship. This unity is so conspicuous that by it all men can find and recognize the Catholic Church. It is the will of God, the Church's founder, that all the sheep should eventually gather into this one fold, under the guidance of one shepherd."

"We know that many of Our children who live in want or great misfortune often protest that the social teachings of Christianity have not yet been fully put into practice. Private citizens, and more particularly public officials, must take steps to see that the Christian social doctrine which Our predecessors have often clearly and wisely taught and decreed, and which we have confirmed, is really given full effect. Although this

[1096] See above.

> will have to be done gradually, no time should be wasted."

The clear intent of the Vatican II Council was to ensure that all religions and Christian denominations would be shaped to accept only Roman Catholic doctrine. This has always been the plan of the Roman Catholic Church and always will be. It has not changed.

In the article *Vatican Council II: Light for the church and the modern world*[1097] it says,

> "The Council wants to transmit pure and integral doctrine, without attenuation or distortions."
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> "The pastorality of Vatican II consists in studding and deepening the doctrine, expressing it in a way in which it can be better understood, accepted and loved."
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> "[It was] A Magisterium [authoritative teaching of the Roman Catholic Church], therefore, in which the note of the pastoral ministry shines."
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> "The renovation is intended not as a break with the past or opposition to historic moments, but as a growth, a perfecting of the good always active in the Church" (emphasis added). This sentence, in addition to the fact that the Roman Catholic Church believes that it is the truth, needs to be considered in light of the passages below.

In the document that was issued by the Roman Catholic Church after the *Fourth Lateran Council: 1215,* (and still available on the official Vatican websites), it says of those who do not choose to espouse the Roman Catholic teaching,

> "Let those condemned be handed over to the secular authorities present, or to their bailiffs, for due

[1097] John Paul II, *Vatican Council II: Light for the Church and for the Modern World*, Jubilee 2000 Magazine, May 1, 1997, accessed December 24, 2025, https://www.vatican.va/jubilee_2000/magazine/documents/ju_mag_01051997_p-21_en.html.

> punishment… The goods of the condemned are to be confiscated… Let secular authorities, whatever offices they may be discharging, be advised and urged … to take publicly an oath for the defence of the faith to the effect that they will seek, in so far as they can, to expel from the lands subject to their jurisdiction all heretics designated by the church in good faith."[1098]

In the encyclical *Ad extirpanda* of Pope Innocent IV,[1099] known for its endorsement of the Inquisition that led to millions of executions of Protestants, it says,

> "[The] head of state or ruler must hold all male and female heretics who shall be arrested from this date, in the custody of Catholic men appointed by the Diocesan if there is one, and the abovementioned monastic orders, in a safe and secure prison set aside for them."
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> "Those convicted of heresy…shall be taken in shackles to the head of state or ruler or his special representative."
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> "The head of state or ruler must force all the heretics whom he has in custody, provided he does so without killing them or breaking their arms or legs, as actual robbers and murderers of souls and thieves of the sacraments of God and Christian faith, to confess their errors and accuse other heretics whom they know…"
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> "The head of state or ruler must, within ten days after the accusation, complete the following tasks: the destruction of the houses, the imposition of the fines, the consigning and dividing-up of the valuables that

[1098] Fourth Lateran Council (1215), "Canon 3, 'On Heretics,'" Papal Encyclicals Online, accessed December 24, 2025, https://www.papalencyclicals.net/councils/ecum12-2.htm.
[1099] Innocent IV, *Bulla "Ad Extirpanda,"* Documenta Catholica Omnia (English translation), May 15, 1252, accessed December 24, 2025, https://www.documentacatholicaomnia.eu/01p/1252-05-15%2C_SS_Innocentius_IV%2C_Bulla_%27Ad_Extirpanda%27%2C_EN.pdf.

> have been found or seized, all of which have already been described in this decree."

In the *Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, Gaudium Et Spes,* issued at the conclusion of the Vatican II council in 1965, Pope Paul VI said,

> "Since humanity today increasingly moves toward civil, economic and social unity, it is more than ever necessary that priests, with joint concern and energy, and under the guidance of the bishops and the supreme pontiff, erase every cause of division, so that the whole human race may be led to the unity of God's family"[1100] (emphasis supplied).

It has always been and will ever be the intent of the Roman Catholic Church to bring every person in the world to the 'fold' of the Roman Catholic Church. The Papacy has always believed, and will always teach, that it is God's representative on Earth, and that it is the Truth. The Roman Catholic Church has never recanted or suggested that it was in error regarding the specific practices of the past that led to the torture and killing of millions of Protestants with the aid of civil authorities.

If they have said that 'the good is always active in the Church', then it clearly asserts a belief that all that has been done to persecute Bible-believing Christians is good and just. These are sins that the Roman Catholic Church fails to repent of. They have not turned with humble hearts to the Scripture to ensure they are entirely cleansed and filled with the Light of God's Word. Consequently, the Roman Catholic Church will surely repeat these sins in the future, but with even more fury and depravity than has occurred in the past.[1101]

God has a message to all people to come out of error into His truth. This means not holding to the traditions and words of

[1100] Paul VI, *Gaudium et Spes* (Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World), December 7, 1965, accessed December 24, 2025, https://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/documents/vat-ii_const_19651207_gaudium-et-spes_en.html.
[1101] Luke 11:24–26.

men. [1102] God's people are never to remain silent on sharing this call to His children in the Roman Catholic Church.

This Official Statement fails to distinguish between Roman Catholic Christians and the Roman Catholic Church. Therefore, it implies that if a Bible-believing Christian condemns the practices of the Roman Catholic Church and its hierarchy, it is incorrectly perceived as a condemnation of a Roman Catholic Church member. However, the person is not the institution. Therefore, any Christian (no matter their starting point) who is genuinely seeking and willing to obey truth as found in God's Word will receive eternal life. [1103]

Theological and Academic Freedom and Accountability[1104] Statement

Date Voted: "This position paper was approved and voted by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Executive Committee at the Annual Council session in Washington, D.C., October 11, 1987"[1105] (emphasis added). This statement was added as an Official Statement on the website under beliefs in 1997.

UN Event / Document: This statement is divided into two documents. Document One is *A statement on Theological and Academic Freedom.* There does not appear to be any specific UN event or document that precipitated the writing of this statement in 1987 or its release as an Official Statement in 1997. However, consultative status with the UN requires a unified message to come from all members of an NGO in consultative status with it.[1106] This statement facilitates that.

[1102] 2 Corinthians 6:14–18; Revelation 18:4.
[1103] John 3:16.
[1104] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Theological and Academic Freedom and Accountability," Official Statements, October 11, 1997, accessed December 24, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/theological-and-academic-freedom-and-accountability.
[1105] Ibid.
[1106] United Nations Economic and Social Council, *Consultative Relationship between the United Nations and Non-Governmental Organizations* (Resolution 1996/31), July 25, 1996, "Part I: Principles to be Applied in the Establishment of

Document Two is *Academic Freedom in Seventh-day Adventist Institutions of Higher Education.* This document reflects the sentiments outlined in the UNESCO *Recommendation concerning the Status of Higher-Education Teaching Personnel* also released in 1997.[1107] It is possibly the reason for this statement being released when it was.

Theological Concerns: The statement says, "Although the worker is free to pursue his studies, he may not assume that his personal, limited perspective does not need the insights and corrective influence of the Church he serves. What he thinks to be the truth may be regarded by the larger community of believers as an error. And workers and members are called upon to be in agreement on essential points "that there be no divisions" in the body of Christ (1 Cor 1:10)."

It also says, "Freedom for the individual Christian grows out of his belonging to the community of Christ. No one is free in the Biblical sense who is out of a relationship with God or others. Theological truth, therefore, is affirmed by community study and confirmation."

It says, "It would be an irresponsible use of a worker's freedom to press a viewpoint that would endanger the unity of the church body which is as much a part of truth itself as are the formulated statements of doctrine (see Phil 1:27; Rom 15:5,6)" (emphasis supplied)

Whilst there is value in consulting with other believers and the Bible clearly admonishes the Christian to do so,[1108] it is also true that the majority are rarely right.[1109] To make a statement that expressly limits an individual's freedom to the collective consensus risks silencing the Holy Spirit. When there are

Consultative Relations" (items 2, 11), accessed December 31, 2025, https://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ngo/Resolution_1996_31.

[1107] United Nations Economic and Social Council *Recommendation concerning the Status of Higher-Education Teaching Personnel* November 11, 1997, accessed January 27, 2026[1107]
https://www.unesco.org/en/legal-affairs/recommendation-concerning-status-higher-education-teaching-personnel

[1108] Proverbs 11:14.

[1109] Matthew 7:14.

outside forces, such as the UN and relationships with other NGOs (such as Catholic institutions), pressing in on the Church, this restriction is of concern.

Meeting the Challenges of Sexually Transmitted Diseases[1110] Statement

Date Voted: "This statement was voted during the Annual Council of the General Conference Executive Committee on Sunday, September 27, 1998, in Iguacu Falls, Brazil."[1111]

UN Event / Document**:** There were a lot of activities in the late 1980s and throughout the 1990s at the UN, specifically through the WHO, to deal with STDs and specifically AIDS. This statement was written in response to all of these activities. As the statement says, "So serious are the challenges presented by sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) that the United Nations, in conjunction with most of the world's governments, the health-care community, religious, political, and economic leaders, has instituted a series of major research and health-education programs that focus on prevention and treatment."

Theological Concerns: The statement suggests that Seventh-day Adventist caregivers promote several initiatives to prevent the spread of STDs and pregnancy in cases of promiscuity. It is precisely these 'consequence mitigation' options that have facilitated the increase in promiscuity. It would be far better for a Church to remain silent on such a controversial topic and stick to the commission it was given by Jesus Christ.

[1110] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Meeting the Challenges of Sexually Transmitted Diseases," Official Statements, June 27, 1998, accessed December 24, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/meeting-the-challenges-of-sexually-transmitted-diseases.
[1111] Ibid.

Ethical Considerations Regarding Human Cloning[1112]
Statement

Date Voted: "This statement was voted during the Annual Council of the General Conference Executive Committee on Sunday, September 27, 1998, in Iguacu Falls, Brazil."[1113]

UN Event / Document**:** The *World Health Assembly* — the governing body of the UN specialised agency, WHO, issued a resolution on the *Ethical, Scientific and Social Implications of Cloning in Human Health*.[1114]

Theological Concerns: The statement says, "Given our present state of knowledge and the current refinement of somatic cell nuclear transfer, the use of this technique for human cloning is deemed unacceptable by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Given our responsibility to alleviate disease and to enhance the quality of human life, continued appropriate research with animals is deemed acceptable."

This statement indicates that the idea of genetic engineering and cloning is acceptable to all Seventh-day Adventists, as long as it doesn't involve humans. It also implies that at some point, a different means of human cloning may be developed that moves beyond "our present state of knowledge." However, there are sufficient Bible verses that many Seventh-day Adventists would feel prohibit cloning and genetic engineering. These include,

> Leviticus 19:19 "Ye shall keep my statutes. Thou shalt not let thy cattle gender with a diverse kind: thou shalt not sow thy field with mingled seed: neither shall a

[1112] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Ethical Considerations Regarding Human Cloning," Official Statements, September 27, 1998, accessed December 24, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/ethical-considerations-regarding-human-cloning.
[1113] Ibid
[1114] World Health Organization, *Ethical, Scientific and Social Implications of Cloning in Human Health*, Executive Board (Resolution EB101.R25), January 27, 1998, in *Documents of the Executive Board, 101st Session*, accessed December 24, 2025, https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/EB101/pdfangl/angr25.pdf.

garment mingled of linen and woollen come upon thee." This talks of not mixing genetic material.

Psalms 139:14 "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made: marvellous *are* thy works; and *that* my soul knoweth right well." This reveals that the making of a human being is according to God's works, not humans.

The temptation given to Eve was that she and Adam would be as gods.[1115] This has been the object of humanity ever since. Some Seventh-day Adventists believe that the act of cloning or genetic engineering seeks to achieve the same aspirations as Eve at the fall.

Activities With Elements of Competition[1116] Statement

Date Voted: "This statement was approved and voted by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Executive Committee at the Annual Council session in Nairobi, Kenya, October 7, 1988" (emphasis supplied). It was published as an Official Statement in 1998."[1117]

UN Event / Document**:** There does not appear to be a connection between this statement and the UN.

Theological Concerns: The primary theological concern with this statement is the perceived need to write a statement when much is said in Scripture and in the writings of one of the founders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Ellen White, about not exalting self. It is once again a Church that is preoccupied with the smaller social matters rather than the larger evangelistic matters.

[1115] Genesis 3:5
[1116] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Activities With Elements of Competition" Official Statements, October 7, 1990, accessed December 24, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/activities-with-elements-of-competition/.
[1117] Ibid.

50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights[1118] Statement

Date Voted: "This statement was voted by the General Conference Administrative Committee, November 17, 1998, and released by the General Conference Office of Public Affairs."[1119]

UN Event / Document**:** The name and content of this statement make it clear that it commemorates the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights, ratified in Paris in 1948.

The *Quadrennial Report* of the GC to the UN in 1999 reported, "The General Conference has been strongly involved in the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, with conferences and symposiums organized in many countries and on all continents."[1120]

Theological Concerns: The statement begins by noting that the Church has a history of supporting human rights inspired by Biblical values, but it never goes on to define human rights in terms of the Bible. Instead, it bases its definition on Article 18 of the *UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights.*

The statement says, "Coming from the best and highest part of the human heart, the Universal Declaration is a fundamental document standing firmly for human dignity, liberty, equality, and non-discrimination of minorities." This is contrary to Scripture. There is no best and highest part of the human

[1118] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights," Official Statements, November 17, 1998, accessed December 24, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/50th-anniversary-of-the-universal-declaration-of-human-rights.
[1119] Ibid.
[1120] United Nations, *Economic and Social Council*, *Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, Report on the work of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, Addendum* (E/C.2/1999/2/Add.1), United Nations Official Document, January 11, 1999, accessed December 24, 2025, https://docs.un.org/en/E/C.2/1999/2/Add.1.

heart.[1121] Moreover, Article 29.3 of the declaration removes all religious liberty if it is contrary to the principles of the UN.[1122]

The statement says, "The Seventh-day Adventist Church urges the United Nations, government authorities, religious leaders and believers, and non-government organizations to work for the implementation of this Declaration consistently. Politicians, trade union leaders, teachers, employers, media representatives, and all opinion leaders should give strong support to human rights." Instead of urging every entity listed in this passage to refer to the Bible and work for the implementation of Biblical truth in their personal lives (which would lead to true religious liberty), they call on the world to implement a man-made document that, in fact, removes all religious freedom at the whim of UN purposes, principles, and goals.

Religious Minorities and Religious Freedom*[1123]* Statement

Date Voted: "This statement was voted during the Annual Council of the General Conference Executive Committee on Wednesday, September 29, 1999 in Silver Spring, Maryland."[1124]

UN Event / Document**:** 1998 marked the 50th anniversary of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*. Unlike the statement on the 50th anniversary of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, this statement refers to the *UN International Bill of Human Rights*. The *International Bill of Human Rights* is made up of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, the *International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights*, and *the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights* and

[1121] Jeremiah 17:9.
[1122] United Nations, *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, adopted December 10, 1948, accessed December 24, 2025, https://www.un.org/en/about-us/universal-declaration-of-human-rights.
[1123] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Religious Minorities and Religious Freedom," Official Statements, September 29, 1999, accessed December 24, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/religious-minorities-and-religious-freedom.
[1124] Ibid.

its two *Optional Protocols*.[1125] This statement is to give assent to the additional instruments of the UN under the *International Bill of Human Rights*.

Theological Concerns: Each of the above documents under the *International Bill of Human Rights* can be used by ratifying countries to limit a person's liberty of conscience (even where that person is otherwise a law-abiding citizen) as seen below.

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights[1126]

> "Article 4 — The States Parties to the present Covenant recognize that, in the enjoyment of those rights provided by the State in conformity with the present Covenant, the State may subject such rights only to such limitations as are determined by law only in so far as this may be compatible with the nature of these rights and solely for the purpose of promoting the general welfare in a democratic society."

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights[1127]

> "Article 4.1 In time of public emergency which threatens the life of the nation and the existence of which is officially proclaimed, the States Parties to the present Covenant may take measures derogating from their obligations under the present Covenant to the extent strictly required by the exigencies of the situation, provided that such measures are not inconsistent with their other obligations under

[1125] Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, "Fact Sheet No. 2 (Rev. 1): The International Bill of Rights," accessed December 24, 2025, https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/Documents/Publications/FactSheet2Rev.1en.pdf.

[1126] United Nations General Assembly, "International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights" (993 U.N.T.S. 3), adopted December 16, 1966, accessed via OHCHR December 24, 2025, https://www.ohchr.org/en/instruments-mechanisms/instruments/international-covenant-economic-social-and-cultural-rights.

[1127] United Nations General Assembly, "International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights" (999 U.N.T.S. 171), adopted December 16, 1966, accessed December 24, 2025, https://www.ohchr.org/en/instruments-mechanisms/instruments/international-covenant-civil-and-political-rights.

> international law and do not involve discrimination solely on the ground of race, colour, sex, language, religion or social origin."
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> Article 12.3 (needs to read in the context of Article 12.1 and 12.2) "Everyone lawfully within the territory of a State shall, within that territory, have the right to liberty of movement and freedom to choose his residence; 2. Everyone shall be free to leave any country, including his own.; 3. The above-mentioned rights shall not be subject to any restrictions except those which are provided by law, are necessary to protect national security, public order (ordre public), public health or morals or the rights and freedoms of others, and are consistent with the other rights recognized in the present Covenant."
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> Article 18.3 "3. Freedom to manifest one's religion or beliefs may be subject only to such limitations as are prescribed by law and are necessary to protect public safety, order, health, or morals or the fundamental rights and freedoms of others."
>
> Article 21 "The right of peaceful assembly shall be recognized. No restrictions may be placed on the exercise of this right other than those imposed in conformity with the law and which are necessary in a democratic society in the interests of national security or public safety, public order (ordre public), the protection of public health or morals or the protection of the rights and freedoms of others."

The use of these provisions to restrict the free expression of a person's religion were used extensively during the COVID-19 pandemic. During that time, those who had their liberty of conscience and / or religious liberty restricted sense the truth of these words, "Judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. Yea, truth faileth; and he *that* departeth

from evil maketh himself a prey: and the LORD saw *it,* and it displeased him that *there was* no judgment."[1128]

The Lord says, "Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and that write grievousness *which* they have prescribed."[1129] The Seventh-day Adventist Church should be in no way endorsing international instruments which can and will be used against the people of God during the prophesied 'no-buy-no-sell' crises that is soon to come upon the world.[1130]

Well-being and Value of Children*[1131]* Statement

Date Voted: "This statement was voted by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Administrative Committee (ADCOM), for release at the time of the General Conference Session in Toronto, Canada, June 29–July 9, 2000."[1132]

UN Event / Document**:** The statement says, "In 1989, the United Nations General Assembly recognized the fundamental importance of children by voting on the *Convention on the Rights of the Child*. In harmony with many of these lofty principles, and considering the value Jesus placed on children when He said, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Matt 19:14, NIV), we seek to aid children who suffer from the following destructive influences: [it then lists the influences]" This statement specifically talks of children involved in armed conflict. In the Year 2000, the UN General Assembly passed *Resolution A/RES/54/263 Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict* to add to the already existing *Convention on the Rights of the Child.*

[1128] Isaiah 59:14–15.
[1129] Isaiah 10:1.
[1130] Revelation 13:17.
[1131] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Well-being and Value of Children," Official Statements, June 29, 2000, accessed December 24, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/well-being-and-value-of-children.
[1132] Ibid.

Theological Concerns: The union of the words of Jesus in the same sentence with the reference to a UN instrument, as if they are on par with one another, is truly troubling! The words of the UN are not lofty, as they fail on two levels to represent Jesus Christ: 1. If they do not speak according to the law and the testimony, there is no light in them.[1133] 2. Where there is the genuine Light of God, there is no darkness at all.[1134] The UN espouses many views that are contrary to Scripture (e.g. evolution, sustainable development). Not only were the words of the UN referred to in the same sentence as if they were of equal value, but the words of Jesus were referred to after the UN instrument as if they were of lesser importance.

This statement reiterates the sentiments of UN Human Rights documents. As previously discussed, these documents have limitations on their rights when a defined public emergency has been announced. The greatest right of the human being is the salvation of their soul.[1135] When a Church administrative body is consumed with the words of worldly entities like the UN they have less room for the word of God.[1136] Consequently, the minds of the administrators are shaped by the words of the UN rather than by the words of God.[1137] This leads to silence on the fundamental right of all people to the salvation that Jesus Christ died to give them.

Religious Liberty, Evangelism, and Proselytism[1138]

Statement

Date Voted: "This statement was voted by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Administrative Committee (ADCOM), for release at the time of the General Conference Session in Toronto, Canada, June 29–July 9, 2000."

[1133] Isaiah 8:20.
[1134] 1 John 1:5.
[1135] John 3:16.
[1136] Colossians 3:1–2.
[1137] Romans 12:1–2.
[1138] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Religious Liberty, Evangelism, and Proselytism," Official Statements, June 29, 2000, accessed December 24, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/religious-liberty-evangelism-and-proselytism.

UN Event / Document**:** *Millennium World Peace Summit of Religious, Spiritual Leaders*, held in the year 2000. At the summit, the General Secretary of the World Council of Churches delivered a speech that seems to reflect the overall sentiment of the religious leaders there. He said the following: "Dialogue within and between religions requires not just tolerance but deep respect for the other in his or her authentic relationship with the Holy."[1139]

Theological Concerns: The statement says, "Terminology should be used which avoids offending other religious communities. Statements that are false or ridicule other religions should not be made." If causing offence, then Jesus did not abide by the tenets of this statement. It says of Him, "As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed."[1140] Despite telling the truth, He was also accused of lying.[1141] Additionally, Jesus could be accused of ridiculing the religious leaders of His day when He said, they "shut up the kingdom of heaven against men," they were "hypocrites" who proselytised to make someone "twofold more the child of hell" than themselves."[1142]

While the gospel of the Bible is good news to some, it can be an offense to others. Christians are to declare it with conviction, as it is a truly lived experience.[1143] Sharing the gospel should always be done with grace, and we should be conscious of how to share it without causing intentional harm.[1144] However, no Christian should be restrained in sharing the truth because of the perception of offence by others.

[1139] World Council of Churches (WCC), "Millennium World Peace Summit of Religious and Spiritual Leaders," United Nations, New York, August 28, 2000, accessed via World Council of Churches website December 24, 2025, https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/documents/millennium-world-peace-summit-of-religious-and-spiritual-leaders.
[1140] Romans 9:33.
[1141] John 10:32–33.
[1142] Matthew 23:13–39.
[1143] 1 John 3:16.
[1144] Colossians 4:6.

Gambling[1145] Statement

Date Voted: "This statement was voted by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Administrative Committee (ADCOM), for release at the time of the General Conference Session in Toronto, Canada, June 29–July 9, 2000."[1146]

UN Event / Document**:** There appears to be no specific UN event or document associated with this statement. It was released at the same time as many more controversial statements.

Theological Concerns: No major theological concerns, except that it is a statement that seeks to add to the word of God, as a 'belief' on the GC official website.

Call for Peace[1147] Statement

Date Voted: "This statement was voted during the Spring Meeting of the General Conference Executive Committee on April 18, 2002 in Silver Spring, Maryland."[1148]

UN Event / Document**:** The statement says, **"**While both the United Nations and various religious bodies have proclaimed the first decade of the 21st century as a decade for the promotion of peace and security in the place of violence in its various forms, a new and insidious dimension of violence has emerged: organized international terrorism. Terrorism itself is not new, but worldwide terrorist networks are." This statement seems to be a reiteration of the Millennium of World Peace ideology promulgated by the UN, as well as a response to the September 11, 2001, twin-towers tragedy in New York that was attributed to international Islamic terrorist networks.

[1145] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Gambling," Official Statements, June 29, 2000, accessed December 24, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/gambling.
[1146] Ibid.
[1147] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Call for Peace," Official Statements, April 18, 2002, accessed December 24, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/call-for-peace.
[1148] Ibid.

Theological Concerns: This is the third statement issued by the GC since 1980 that focuses explicitly on world peace. Jesus is our only peace.[1149] The Bible is clear: when the world begins proclaiming peace and safety, there will be sudden destruction.[1150] The UN's sole purpose is to try to achieve peace in this world through its own endeavours. The preoccupation with world peace, not only in the three specifically focused statements but also throughout the remaining statements, reveals the degree to which the UN is using the GC as its mouthpiece.

War in Iraq*[1151]* Statement

Date Voted: Not Voted. "Statement released on March 20, 2003, by the Communication Department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church World Headquarters, on behalf of the President's Office, Silver Spring, Maryland, U.S.A."[1152]

UN Event / Document**:** The United States and the United Kingdom had gone to war with Iraq without the UN Security Council's approval.[1153]

Theological Concerns: The content of this statement raises the question of why a church would issue an Official Statement and place it under the beliefs section of its official website about a war in Iraq. This was used as another opportunity to promulgate the UN's peace message, with a direct reference to the previously mentioned *Call for Peace.*

The statement says, "We appeal to Christians and people of good will all around the world to take an active role in making and sustaining peace, thus being part of the solution rather than part of the problem." This sentence is based on the

[1149] Ephesians 2:14.
[1150] 1 Thessalonians 5:3.
[1151] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "War in Iraq," Official Statements, March 20, 2003, accessed December 24, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/war-in-iraq.
[1152] Ibid.
[1153] United Nations Security Council, "Security Council Holds First Debate on Iraq Since Start of Military Action; Speakers Call for Halt to Aggression, Immediate Withdrawal" (SC/7705), United Nations Press Release, March 26, 2003, accessed December 24, 2025, https://press.un.org/en/2003/sc7705.doc.htm.

assumption that any person, regardless of their relationship with Jesus Christ, can bring true peace and sustain peace in this world. The very reason why this world is never going to experience lasting peace is that the majority of the world rejects Jesus Christ.

The statement says, "As we pray and work for peace to prevail, we also recognize — and declare — that the only true peace will come when that blessed hope of Christ's return to Earth is a reality. May that day come soon, and may that hope shine brightly even in these dark hours." This passage is half-truth.

There will be no peace on this Earth at the second coming of Jesus Christ. When He returns, "The heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the Earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up."[1154] This was John's vision of the second coming of Jesus: "And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the Earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?"[1155] For the next 1000 years, Satan will be chained to the Earth, while the righteous will reign with Jesus Christ. Then, at the third coming of Jesus to this Earth, with the New Jerusalem, the unrighteous will be resurrected and will seek to wage war with Jesus. However, God will rain fire down from heaven to destroy them. It is only <u>then</u> that there will be peace on this Earth.[1156]

[1154] 2 Peter 3:10.
[1155] Revelation 6:14–17.
[1156] Revelation 20:4–10,14–5; 21:1–8; 22:1–15.

Affirmation of Creation*[1157]* Statement

Date Voted: Not voted. "This document, prepared by the Organizing Committee of the International Faith & Science Conferences 2002–2004 was presented to and received by the General Conference Executive Committee at the Annual Council in Silver Spring, Maryland, October 11, 2004."[1158]

UN Event / Document**:** This statement was, "The International Faith & Science Conferences 2002-2004 report of the Organizing Committee to the General Conference Executive Committee through the office of the General Conference President, September 10, 2004."[1159] There appears to be no overt link to a specific UN event; however, given the union with the UN and the aspirations to achieve Sustainable Goals, debate over the veracity of Creation would be inevitable.

Theological Concerns: It was intended to be a review of the Creation doctrine held by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It was not brought to a General Conference in session to be voted by the representative body of believers. It therefore constitutes a violation of the 'priesthood-of-believers' principle.[1160]

War in Congo*[1161]* Statement

Date Voted: Not voted. "This Official Statement on behalf of the Seventh-day Adventist Church was released on December 2, 2008, by the Communication Department, General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Silver Spring, Maryland, United States."[1162]

[1157] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Affirmation of Creation," Official Statements, October 11, 2004, accessed December 24, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/affirmation-of-creation.
[1158] Ibid.
[1159] Ibid.
[1160] 1 Peter 2:9.
[1161] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "War in Congo," Official Statements, December 2, 2008, accessed December 30, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/war-in-congo.
[1162] Ibid.

UN Event / Document**:** UN-backed peace talks to try to end the Congo conflict.[1163] The statement also seems to have been issued to deal with this: "Some media reports have claimed General Laurent Nkunda, leader of the National Council for the Defense of the People, is affiliated with the church. He never served as a Seventh-day Adventist pastor. While at times he has chosen to attend the church, he is not regarded as an active church member. His conduct and reported involvement in the conflict do not represent Adventist values and lifestyle."

Theological Concerns: Another statement on a specific war placed under beliefs on the official GC website contravenes the principle of impartiality. The statement is not written in a bipartisan way when it specifically singles out a person to denounce as not behaving in a way that represents Adventist values and lifestyle. This statement is not in keeping with doctrinal reproof and instruction in righteousness,[1164] but is in keeping with a public relations statement.

Commitment to Health and Healing*[1165]* Statement

Date Voted: "This document was voted by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Executive Committee at the Annual Council Session in Silver Spring, Maryland on October 14, 2009."[1166]

UN Event / Document**:** At the end of the statement it says, "This statement follows the deliberations and recommendations of the Global Conference on Health and Lifestyle held in Geneva July 2009 in collaboration with the World Health Organization, and calls for cooperation with similar credible bodies aiming to improve global health."

[1163] United Nations, "DR Congo: UN-backed Peace Talks between Rebels and Government Restart in Nairobi," *UN News*, December 18, 2008, accessed December 25, 2025, https://news.un.org/en/story/2008/12/285852.
[1164] 2 Timothy 3:16
[1165] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Commitment to Health and Healing," Official Statements, October 14, 2009, accessed December 24, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/commitment-to-health-and-healing.
[1166] Ibid.

Theological Concerns: This statement was made in collaboration with the World Health Organization. The WHO is not a Seventh-day Adventist or Christian institution. It does not confess allegiance to God or acceptance of the Bible. However, this worldly institution had more input into the statement placed on the Seventh-day Adventist website under beliefs than lay members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The statement says, "The Church seeks to represent the mission of Jesus in such a way as to be:

1. "Regarded globally as teaching a wholistic model of evidence based healthful living in primary health care.
2. "Seen at all times as a trusted, transparent ally of organizations with compatible goals and vision, in alleviating suffering and addressing basic health and well-being.
3. "Recognized for the unconditional scope of its embrace of all persons seeking this basic health and well-being.
4. "Involved not only administratively but also functionally at every level including each congregation and church member in this ministry of health and healing."

As Seventh-day Adventist Christians, the Church has historically believed that God has given a divinely inspired health message.[1167] This was revealed through the inspired writings of Ellen G. White, one of the co-founders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Instead of looking to God for health care, this statement relies on 'evidence-based' information, a euphemism for peer-reviewed scientific literature. Such literature has been proven to be flawed.[1168]

[1167] Exodus 15:26.
[1168] Clifford Goldstein, "Retraction Watch," *Adventist Review* (Columnists), December 28, 2024, accessed December 24, 2025, https://adventistreview.org/perspectives/columnists/retraction-watch-2.

The phrase "to be a trusted and transparent organization with compatible goals" seems to refer specifically to the WHO and affiliated organizations. The WHO does not have goals that are compatible with the Church. The WHO has no objective of bringing a message of hope and healing in the name of the Biblical Jesus Christ.[1169]

The reference to "unconditional scope of its embrace" is nebulous and unclear. However, if consistency with other statements is to be maintained and the NGO status requirements are taken into consideration, it appears that this may refer to the non-proselytising stance that the GC has taken with ADRA.[1170]

The section of the statement quoted begins with "The Church" and ends with the sentence about every level, every congregation, and every Church member complying with the statement. This is a contravention of people's liberty of conscience.[1171] There are a vast number of Seventh-day Adventists who have never been made aware of this statement, let alone participated in its construction.

Ending Violence Against Women and Girls*[1172]* Statement

Date Voted: "This statement was approved and voted by the Executive Committee of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists on June 23, 2010, and released at the General Conference Session in Atlanta, Georgia, June 24–July 3, 2010."[1173]

UN Event / Document**:** UN Human Rights Council issued *Resolution 14/12,* accelerating efforts to eliminate all forms of

[1169] World Health Organization, "What We Do," accessed December 24, 2025, https://www.who.int/about/what-we-do.
[1170] Adventist Development and Relief Agency, "Frequently Asked Questions, Does ADRA proselytize?" accessed December 24, 2025, https://adra.org/about-adra/faq.
[1171] Romans 14:5b.
[1172] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Ending Violence Against Women and Girls," Official Statements, June 24, 2010, accessed December 24, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/ending-violence-against-women-and-girls.
[1173] Ibid.

violence against women: ensuring due diligence in prevention.[1174]

Theological Concerns: Like other statements, this one invokes the entire Church body, which has never had an opportunity to participate in drafting or voting on this statement. This is one of many statements that have been issued on violence and family relationships in line with UN resolutions.

Nurture and Protection of Children[1175] Statement

Date Voted: "This statement was approved and voted by the Executive Committee of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists on June 23, 2010, and released at the General Conference Session in Atlanta, Georgia, June 24–July 3, 2010."[1176]

UN Event / Document**:** This statement was released by the GC in conjunction with the *Ending Violence Against Women and Girls Statement.* The Human Rights Council issued *Resolution 13/20 Rights of the child: the fight against sexual violence against children.*

Theological Concerns: Like other statements, this one invokes the entire Church body, which has never had an opportunity to participate in drafting or voting on this statement. This is one of many statements that have been issued on violence and family relationships in line with UN resolutions.

Global Poverty[1177] Statement

Date Voted: "This statement was approved and voted by the Executive Committee of the General Conference of Seventh-day

[1174] United Nations Human Rights Council, *Accelerating Efforts to Eliminate All Forms of Violence against Women: Ensuring Due Diligence in Prevention* (Resolution A/HRC/RES/14/12), June 23, 2010, accessed December 24, 2025, https://www.refworld.org/legal/resolution/unhrc/2010/en/74293.
[1175] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Nurture and Protection of Children," Official Statements, June 24, 2010, accessed December 24, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/nurture-and-protection-of-children.
[1176] Ibid.
[1177] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Global Poverty," Official Statements, June 24, 2010, accessed December 21, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/global-poverty.

Adventists on June 23, 2010, and released at the General Conference Session in Atlanta, Georgia, June 24–July 3, 2010."[1178]

UN Event / Document**:** This statement affirmed the Millennium Development Goals, officially adopted in 2000 at the *Millennium Summit*, with their ideological roots in the Rio de Janeiro *Earth Summit* of 1992. In 2010, the UN had a "high-level meeting…to review progress towards the MDGs and other international development goals." The slogan on the official UN communication in 2009 to invite world leaders to come to this meeting was, "Time is short. We must seize this historic moment to act responsibly and decisively for the common good." **[1179]**

Theological Concerns: The statement uses phrases like "Christian social responsibility," "advocating for public policy," and "helping people to build sustainable lives." These are phrases that reflect UN messaging.

At the end of the statement, it has the following two paragraphs,

> "Seventh-day Adventists join the global community in supporting the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals for reducing poverty by at least 50 percent by 2015. In furtherance of this, Seventh-day Adventists partner with civil society, governments and others, working together locally and globally to participate in God's work of establishing enduring justice in a broken world.
>
> "As followers of Christ we engage this task with determined hope, energized by God's visionary promise of a new heaven and a new Earth where there is no poverty or injustice. Seventh-day Adventists are

[1178] Ibid.
[1179] United Nations, "UN to Review Progress on the Millennium Development Goals at High-level Meeting in September 2010," *Millennium Development Goals*, accessed December 24, 2025, https://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/sept_2010_more.shtml.

> called to live imaginatively and faithfully inside that vision of God's Kingdom by acting to end poverty now."

No organization, whether a Church, other civil society institutions, or governments, can establish an enduring peace in this world! This is what the UN hopes to achieve through the unification of all religions and all states in a great confederation. However, the Bible makes it clear that, "The people imagine a vain thing…The kings of the Earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, *saying,* Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us."[1180] The UN, the governments, and civil societies have no desire to work with the Lord.

As followers of Christ, we are not to hope in peace on this Earth under this world's systems. No matter how imaginative we are, we will not be able to end poverty now.[1181]

This focus on social justice and ushering in the millennium of peace through human efforts is entirely contrary to Scripture and the Lord says, "Cursed *be* the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD…Blessed *is* the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is."[1182]

Freedom of Speech and Defamation of Religion[1183] Statement

Date Voted: "This statement was approved and voted by the Executive Committee of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists on June 23, 2010, and released at the General

[1180] Psalms 2:1–3.
[1181] Mark 14:7.
[1182] Jeremiah 17:5, 7.
[1183] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Freedom of Speech and Defamation of Religion," Official Statements, June 24, 2010, accessed December 24, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/freedom-of-speech-and-defamation-of-religion.

Conference Session in Atlanta, Georgia, June 24–July 3, 2010."[1184]

UN Event / Document**:** Human Rights Council passed *Resolution 13/16 Combating defamation of religions.*[1185]

In the 2010 *Quadrennial Report* to the UN, the GC reported that it had provided to the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or belief a statement on *Religious Extremism — A Danger to Religious Liberty.*[1186] This statement does not appear to be readily available on the internet, but was partially published in the *Adventist Review*.[1187] It seems that the *Freedom of Speech and Defamation of Religion* and the *Religious Extremism* statements were issued in response to the same UN resolution. However, it is unclear what the entire content of the latter is.

Theological Concerns: The statement says, "Our opposition to the restriction of speech is not without exceptions. The Church recognizes that in limited circumstances, speech can result in significant, tangible harm to the right to physical safety, the enjoyment of one's property and other similarly compelling rights. In such very limited instances, we recognize the responsibility of the state to act to protect its population. When such limits are necessary, the Church expects governments to target restrictions narrowly to address only the dangerous speech in question."

As this statement does not define what is "dangerous speech" or the other "compelling rights" that might be "harmed" by a

[1184] Ibid.
[1185] UN General Assembly, *Combatting Defamation of Religions* (Resolution A/HRC/RES/13/16), Human Rights Council, April 15, 2010, accessed December 31, 2025, https://www.right-docs.org/doc/a-hrc-res-13-16. Direct link to the file: https://www.right-docs.org/download/9284.
[1186] United Nations Economic and Social Council, *Quadrennial Report of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Status*, Addendum, E/C.2/2010/2/Add.37, 15 May 2010, accessed January 3, 2026, accessed January 3, 2026, https://docs.un.org/en/E/C.2/2010/2/Add.37
[1187] Sandra Blackmer, Stephen Chavez, "Three Statements Released," *Adventist Review*, July 6, 2005, 7 (1119), accessed December 31, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/GCSessionBulletins/GCB2005-05.pdf.

person's speech it opens the way for GC endorsed persecution of its members. The Bible is clear that at the end of time there will be an antichrist power that will seek to silence God's true Church.[1188] This statement will, unless amended, facilitate that persecution.

Creation: The Bible's Worldview*[1189]* Statement

Date Voted: **"**This statement was approved and voted by the Executive Committee of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists on June 23, 2010, and released at the General Conference Session in Atlanta, Georgia, June 24–July 3, 2010."

UN Event / Document**:** There is no UN event associated with the release of this statement. However, it was released at the same time as the Freedom of Speech and Defamation of Religion statement.

Theological Concerns: There does not appear to be anything apparently theologically unsound with this statement. There is already a fundamental belief that affirms the Church's teaching in a literal creation based on the Biblical account. There was also a statement released in 2004 on Creation. Why did the GC see it necessary to release another statement?

Statement of Tithe and Its Destination*[1190]*

Date Voted: "This document was approved and voted by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Executive Committee, October 16, 2012."[1191]

UN Event / Document**:** In 2012, the UN released a document titled *The Future We Want*.[1192] It said civil society (NGOs) were

[1188] Revelation 12:7.
[1189] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Creation: The Bible's Worldview," Official Statements, June 24, 2010, accessed December 24, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/creation-the-bibles-worldview.
[1190] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Statement of Tithe and Its Destination," Official Statements, October 16, 2021, accessed December 24, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/statement-of-tithe-and-its-destination.
[1191] Ibid.
[1192] Seated United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio + 20), "The Future We Want: Outcome Document of the United Nations Conference on

in "full participation." It calls for "sustained, inclusive and equitable economic growth" to support sustainable resource management. It said, "We [member states and civil society] reaffirm our commitment to make every effort to accelerate the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals by 2015."[1193]

The document went on to say, "We note the valuable contributions that non-governmental organizations could and do make in promoting sustainable development through their well-established and diverse experience, expertise and capacity, especially in the area of analysis, the sharing of information and knowledge, promotion of dialogue and support of implementation of sustainable development." [1194]

According to UN decision-makers, the UN and government agencies of member states cannot achieve the Sustainable Development Goals alone. They need the direct involvement, not just the endorsement, of Faith-Based NGOs.[1195] They are considered partners in Sustainable Development.[1196]

The *Symposium on the Role of Religion and Faith-Based Organizations in International Affairs* was initiated by a small group of Faith-Based Organizations, one of which was the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.[1197] In 2018, the annual symposium was called *Financing for Sustainable*

Sustainable Development," Rio de Janeiro, June 20–22, 2012, accessed December 25, 2025, https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/733FutureWeWant.pdf.

[1193] Ibid., 1.

[1194] Ibid., 10.

[1195] Ibid.

[1196] Seventh-United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs and The Partnering Initiative, *The SDG Partnership Guidebook: A Practical Guide to Building High-Impact Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships for the Sustainable Development Goals*, version 1.11 (United Nations, 2022), accessed December 25, 2025, https://sdgs.un.org/sites/default/files/2022-02/SDG%20Partnership%20Guidebook%201.11.pdf.

[1197] International Association for Religious Freedom, "9th Annual UN Symposium on the Role of Religion and Faith-Based Organizations in International Affairs," *International Association for Religious Freedom*, posted April 10, 2023, accessed December 25, 2025, https://iarf.net/9th-annual-un-symposium-on-the-role-of-religion-and-faith-based-organizations-in-international-affairs.

Development: Towards an Economy of Life.[1198] In their advertising document for the symposium it said,

> "Faith-based organizations (FBOs) have contributed significantly to the Financing for Sustainable Development (FFD) framework and the mutual efforts of the United Nations, member states, and civil society to finance the SDGs, drawing on the expertise, knowledge, and best practices they have accumulated during the span of their engagement. FBOs and religious institutions mobilize substantial resources, programmatic capacities, global constituencies towards achieving effective sustainable development"[1199] (emphasis supplied).

Every faith-based NGO in consultative status is required to implement programs that advance the Sustainable Development Goals. The 2014 *Quadrennial Report* (the last available report online) for the GC has section headings to be completed for *Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals* and *Cooperation with United Nations bodies*. SDG alignment increases operating costs as the faith-based organization engages in UN forums and implements relevant programs, which consequently lead to greater governance and reporting expectations.[1200]

[1198] United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on Religion and Development, *Fifth Annual Symposium on the Role of Religion and Faith-Based Organizations in International Affairs: Financing for Sustainable Development, Towards an Economy of Life*, United Nations Secretariat, New York, January 29, 2019, accessed December 25, 2025, https://jliflc.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Fifth-Annual-RoR-Symposium-FINAL-12.12.18.2.pdf.

[1199] Ibid., 2.

[1200] The Partnering Initiative and United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, *The SDG Partnership Guidebook: A Practical Guide to Building High-Impact Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships for the Sustainable Development Goals*, version 1.11 (United Nations, 2022), accessed December 25, 2025, https://sdgs.un.org/sites/default/files/2022-02/SDG%20Partnership%20Guidebook%201.11.pdf.
Bettina Krause, "Adventists Seek New Approaches to Humanitarian Development," *Adventist Review*, February 26, 2019, accessed December 25, 2025, https://adventistreview.org/news/adventists-seek-new-approaches-to-humanitarian-development.

Below are some examples of Church-related activities seeking to implement and abide by SDGs that do not focus on the great commission of Christ.

- *England: Reducing Climate Change, One Church at a Time.*[1201]
- Women's Ministries educational program focusing on gender parity.[1202]
- AdventHealth *Vision 2030* program[1203] of targeting a multitude of SDGs, including moving toward 100% renewable energy. [1204]
- Clean-up campaign part of a new climate action commitment.[1205]
- Advocating for the Pacific by meeting with government ministers to advocate for support on social challenges, climate crises, and issues on colonisation and sovereignty.[1206]
- Seventh-day Adventist local congregations that choose to be part of the *Adventist Peace Fellowship*.

Parliament of the World's Religions, *Faith Action on the UN Sustainable Development Goals: Progress and Outlook*, published March 2022, accessed December 25, 2025, https://parliamentofreligions.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/sdg_report_-_final_2.pdf.

[1201] Alan Hodges, "England: Reducing Climate Change, One Church at a Time," *Adventist News Network*, December 4, 2006, accessed December 25, 2025, https://adventist.news/news/england-reducing-climate-change-one-church-at-a-time.

[1202] Adventist Women's Ministries, "UK_ Empower_ADRA and WM Collaborate for Gender Parity Program," *Adventist Women* (Women.Adventist.org), accessed December 25, https://women.adventist.org/uk-gender-parity-program.

[1203] Natalie Bruzon, "Body, Mind, and Solar: How AdventHealth Leads in Sustainability," *Spectrum Magazine*, July 22, 2025, accessed December 25, 2025, https://spectrummagazine.org/news/body-mind-and-solar-how-adventhealth-leads-in-sustainability.

[1204] AdventHealth, *2024 Sustainability Report: Our Commitment to Wholeness* (Altamonte Springs, FL: AdventHealth, 2025), accessed December 25, 2025, https://www.adventhealth.com/sites/default/files/assets/25-corp-1672551904-2024_sustainability_annual_report_digital_spreads_f1_final.pdf.

[1205] Pekai Kotoisuva, "*Clean-up Campaign Part of a New Climate Action Commitment*," *Fiji Times*, January 29, 2023, accessed December 25, 2025, https://www.fijitimes.com.fj/clean-up-campaign-part-of-a-new-climate-action-commitment.

[1206] Nathan Brown, "'Advocating for the Pacific,' Adventists South Pacific" (news article), December 18, 2025, accessed December 25, 2025, https://adventistchurch.com/2025/12/advocating-for-the-pacific.

> This fellowship of Churches works on "trying creative and challenging ways to be part of the Peaceable Kingdom" by emphasising peace and justice themes.[1207]

Whether or not the UN policy regarding NGO involvement in SDGs was a key driver in issuing this statement in 2012, it is an unequivocal fact that SDG compliance would increase the financial requirements of the General Conference and its related entities.

Theological Concerns: There is much debate in the Church about the correct interpretation of both Bible verses and Ellen White statements on this very sensitive issue. The failure to take this statement to a General Conference in session means that there is no avenue for robust discussion from those who do not personally gain from the tithes and offerings returned to the Church. "Where no counsel *is,* the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors *there is* safety."[1208]

Homosexuality*[1209]* Statement

Date Voted: "This statement was voted during the Annual Council of the General Conference Executive Committee on Sunday, October 3, 1999, in Silver Spring, Maryland. Revised by the General Conference Executive Committee, October 17, 2012."[1210]

UN Event / Document**:** There does not appear to be any link to a UN-related event or document. There was another controversial *Statement of Tithe and Its Destination* released at the same time.

[1207] Adventist Peace Fellowship, "Churches," Adventist Peace Fellowship, accessed December 25, 2025, https://adventistpeace.org/churches.
Adventist Peace Fellowship, "Become a Peace Church," accessed December 25, 2025, https://adventistpeace.org/certify.
[1208] Proverbs 11:14.
[1209] Seventh-day Adventist Church, "Homosexuality," Official Statements, October 17, 2012, accessed December 25, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/homosexuality.
[1210] Ibid.

Theological Concerns: There does not appear to be any overwhelming theological errors, except once again the failure to consult the Church for its input on something that is meant to represent the beliefs of the Church.

A Statement of Consensus on Care for the Dying[1211]

Date Voted: "This consensus statement was approved and voted on by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Executive Committee at the Annual Council session in Silver Spring, Maryland, October 9, 1992. Revised by the General Conference Executive Committee, May 9, 2013."[1212]

UN Event / Document**:** There does not appear to be any UN-related event or document that precipitated this statement at this time.

Theological Concerns: Whilst there is an explicit rejection of what is typically deemed as Euthanasia, there is this sentence in the statement, "In caring for the dying, it is a Christian responsibility to relieve pain and suffering, to the fullest extent possible." Several pain medications can be used to euthanize a person when given in high doses.[1213] The question of end-of-life care is easily settled by relying entirely on God's health interventions outlined in His inspired Word, the Bible.

Consensus Statement on a Seventh-day Adventist Theology of Ordination[1214]

Date Voted: "This statement was voted by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Executive Committee at

[1211] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "A Statement of Consensus on Care for the Dying," Official Statements, revised May 9, 2013, accessed December 25, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/a-statement-of-consensus-on-care-for-the-dying.
[1212] Ibid.
[1213] World Health Organization, "Opioid Overdose," *WHO News Room Fact Sheets*, updated August 29, 2025, accessed December 25, 2025, https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/opioid-overdose.
[1214] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Consensus Statement on a Seventh-day Adventist Theology of Ordination," Official Statements, October 14, 2014, accessed December 25, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/consensus-statement-on-a-seventh-day-adventist-theology-of-ordination.

the Annual Council Session in Silver Spring, Maryland, on October 14, 2014."[1215]

UN Event / Document**:** There was no UN event or document, but it did lay the groundwork for the eventual discussions in 2015 at the GC session on women's ordination.[1216]

Theological Concerns: No explicit theological concerns, except that it appears to have been used as a means of laying the groundwork for an eventual discussion at the GC session. As the Statement was issued with no consultation, it implies a preplanned desire to control the debate at the GC session. This admonition from Scripture should be heeded by those who wish to rule over the church,

> *"The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock."[1217]*

Immunization[1218] Statement

Date Voted: "This statement was voted by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Administrative Committee in Silver Spring, Maryland, April 15, 2015."

UN Event / Document: Immunization programs have opened doors for the Seventh-day Adventist Church to gain access to unentered territory. In 1987, ADRA reported at the *Spring Meeting* that it was "the first religious organization invited to establish a presence in the country of China." The first thing specifically mentioned that would help ADRA follow through

[1215] Ibid.
[1216] "Women's Ordination," As It Reads, accessed December 25, 2025, https://asitreads.com/womens-ordination.
[1217] 1 Peter 5:1–3.
[1218] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Immunization," Official Statements, April 15, 2015, accessed December 25, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/immunization.

on this invitation was involvement in "public health and immunization" programs. It was voted to give ADRA a monetary grant to specifically undertake the immunization programs and other activities to foster a relationship with China.[1219]

In 2009, the WHO reached out to the GC of the Seventh-day Adventist Church to form an official partnership. In that year, they ran a joint WHO-Seventh-day Adventist Church international conference in Geneva. Both WHO and the leaders of the Church saw it as improving WHO's capacity to "better implement the UN Millennium Development Goals."[1220] As a consequence of that partnership, a statement was written in collaboration with WHO, and placed on the Seventh-day Adventist website called *Commitment to Health and Healing*. It spoke about adhering to evidence-based health strategies and partnering with organizations with similar goals.[1221]

In 2010, the decade of vaccines began.[1222] In August 2014, a Scoping Review of Local Faith Communities was conducted. They looked at ways to increase immunization in local faith communities and strengthen the health systems. ADRA and Loma Linda University, a Seventh-day Adventist institution, contributed to that report.[1223] The report suggested that because vaccines were not mentioned in any of the holy books

[1219] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Minutes of the General Conference Committee," April 1987, 87–131, accessed December 28, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1987-04.pdf.
[1220] Adventist News Network, "Potential Adventist Church–WHO Collaboration Looks Promising, Leaders Say," accessed December 28, 2025, https://adventist.news/news/potential-adventist-church-who-collaboration-looks-promising-leaders-say.
[1221] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Commitment to Health and Healing," Official Statement, October 14, 2009, accessed December 28, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/commitment-to-health-and-healing.
[1222] World Health Organization, "Global Vaccine Action Plan and Decade of Vaccines Review and Lessons Learned Reports," December 4, 2019, accessed December 28, 2025, https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/global-vaccine-action-plan-and-decade-of-vaccines-review-and-lessons-learned-reports.
[1223] Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities, *Local Faith Communities and Immunization for Community and Health Systems Strengthening*, scoping review, compiled by Jill Olivier, version August 2014, https://jliflc.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/LOCAL-FAITH-COMMUNITIES-AND-IMMUNIZATION-FOR-COMMUNITY-AND-HEALTH-SYSTEMS.pdf.

of any faith, there was no faith-based reason for anyone not to have a vaccine.[1224]

In October 2014, the WHO released the report of the Sage Working Group on Vaccine Hesitancy.[1225] That report identified religious belief as the most frequently cited reason for vaccine hesitancy.[1226] It spoke about the importance of engaging "religious or other influential leaders to promote vaccination in the community."[1227]

In January 2015, the WHO released a summary of the SAGE working group report on vaccine hesitancy. They suggested the following strategies to deal with vaccine hesitancy. They included:

- "Engagement of religious or other influential leaders to promote vaccination in the community
- "Social mobilisation
- "Mass media
- "Improving convenience and access to vaccination
- "Mandating vaccinations / sanctions for non-vaccination
- "Employing reminder and follow-up
- "Communications training for HCW [health care workers]
- "Non-financial incentives

[1224] Jill Olivier, "Local Faith Communities and Immunization for Community and Health Systems Strengthening: Scoping Review Report for the Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities," August 2014, accessed December 28, 2025, https://jliflc.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/LOCAL-FAITH-COMMUNITIES-AND-IMMUNIZATION-FOR-COMMUNITY-AND-HEALTH-SYSTEMS.pdf.

[1225] World Health Organization, "Report of the SAGE Working Group on Vaccine Hesitancy" (Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization), October 2014, accessed December 28, 2025, via the Internet Archive, https://web.archive.org/web/20220320045329/http://www.who.int/immunization/sage/meetings/2014/october/1_Report_WORKING_GROUP_vaccine_hesitancy_final.pdf?ua=1.

[1226] Ibid., 19.

[1227] Ibid., 39.

- "Aim to increase knowledge, awareness about vaccination"[1228]

The report said, "As part of good immunization program practice, civil society organizations [NGOs, like a Church], local communities and health care workers need to be involved in supporting vaccination programs, in enhancing demand for vaccination and in helping to address vaccine hesitancy depending upon the underlying factors."[1229]

On Monday, April 6, 2015, the President of the GC met with the Secretary General of the UN. John Graz, the director of PARL, and Ganoune Diop, the Associate Director of PARL were also present at that meeting. There was a clear message conveyed in the Seventh-day Adventist periodical that covered the meeting: the leaders of both the UN and the Seventh-day Adventist Church believe that the two organizations "share the [same] essential values." This meeting was facilitated by Ambassador Joseph Reed, "a friend of Seventh-day Adventist."[1230],[1231] On April 15, the *Immunization* statement was voted by the GC Administrative Committee.

Theological Concerns: The statement says, "The Adventist health emphasis is based on the Bible, the inspired writings of Church co-founder Ellen G White, and is informed by peer-reviewed scientific health literature. As such, we encourage responsible immunization/vaccination, and have no religious or faith-based reason not to encourage our adherents to responsibly participate in protective and preventive immunization programs."

[1228] World Health Organization, "Summary of WHO SAGE Conclusions and Recommendations on Vaccine Hesitancy," January 2015, 2, accessed December 28, 2025, https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/immunization/demand/summary-of-sage-vaccinehesitancy-en.pdf.
[1229] Ibid.
[1230] "Adventist Church President Holds First Meeting With UN Chief," *Adventist Review*, April 7, 2015, https://adventistreview.org/news/adventist-church-president-holds-first-meeting-with-un-chief.
[1231] See *The GC invited UN officials to speak at official church events* for more on Joseph Reed.

The Bible and the writings of those clearly inspired by the Holy Spirit, such as Ellen White, share a divine health message. This does not just lead to a health emphasis, but health laws. When Jesus came to this Earth, His ministry did away with the ceremonial laws — the sacrificial system and Earthly sanctuary.[1232] Conversely, the moral laws and the health laws remained in place.[1233] Unlike health laws, a 'health emphasis' provides no specifics about what the Lord would have a person submit to in order to demonstrate obedience to God's will. A 'health emphasis,' instead of explicit health laws, leads to either ignorance or wilful disobedience.

Suggesting that the "health emphasis is based on the Bible" and the inspired writings of Ellen White, and then putting it into the same sentence as "informed by peer-reviewed scientific health literature" implies that if the Bible or Ellen White do not expressly mention an issue, then the next place to go is peer-reviewed scientific health literature. However, the writers of this statement fail to acknowledge that the Holy Spirit is a source of information, through principles outlined in inspired writing, that can inform the conscience and decision-making process. The conviction of the Holy Spirit should supersede any dependence on peer-reviewed scientific literature.[1234]

After mentioning the three possible sources for health information, the statement goes on to say, "As such." This two-word conjunction is a synonym for "therefore." Another way of beginning that sentence could be "Given what has just been established..." Instead of going on to mention health principles in the Bible and the inspired writings of Ellen White (which abound), it states that immunization is encouraged and that there is no faith-based reason not to encourage Seventh-day Adventists to take immunizations.

The "As such" is really rhetoric, giving a false illusion that the basis of the second sentence of the statement was on inspired

[1232] Ephesians 2:15.
[1233] 3 John 1:2; Romans 3:31; Ecclesiastes 9:10; 1 Corinthians 6:19.
[1234] 1 Timothy 6:20–21.

writings, when in fact it was based on the writing of man alone (peer-reviewed scientific literature). The second sentence was in fact the theological point of the entire statement — that peer-reviewed science is the source of knowledge when the Bible and the writings of Ellen G. White do not use the exact vocabulary of the issue at hand.

This is an absurd rationale. The Bible never says that a man should not marry more than one wife (polygamy). There are sufficient examples of godly men, such as Abraham, Jacob, and David, who had more than one wife. David was called a "man after mine heart" by God.[1235] However, it is generally and correctly understood that polygamy was not God's ideal principle for marriage, that monogamy was.

The Bible never says racism is a sin. However, it is accepted that although the word racism never appears in the Bible, the principle of seeing all men as equal does.

The Bible never says that hospitals, medical missions, or public health services should be built for the sick, but the principles are there.

Not only does the statement blasphemously place peer-reviewed science as a source of information that can inform the conscience of man, but it goes on to only disseminate one side of the scientific debate. It entirely ignores the other side of the scientific discussion.[1236] This one-sided presentation of

[1235] Acts 13:22.

[1236] Gayle Delong, "A Positive Association Found Between Autism Prevalence and Childhood Vaccination Uptake Across the U.S. Population," *Journal of Toxicology and Environmental Health, Part A* 74, no. 14 (2011): 903–16, doi:10.1080/15287394.2011.573736, accessed December 28, 2025, https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/21623535.
Roya Hosseini and Nayere Askari, "A Review of Neurological Side Effects of COVID-19 Vaccination," *European Journal of Medical Research* 28 (2023): 102, accessed December 28, 2025, https://link.springer.com/article/10.1186/s40001-023-00992-0.
Harshini Yaamika, Divya Muralidas, and Karthikeyan Elumalai, "Review of Adverse Events Associated with COVID-19 Vaccines, Highlighting Their Frequencies and Reported Cases," *Journal of Taibah University Medical Sciences* 18, no. 6 (2023): 1646–61, accessed December 28, 2025, https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC10507236.

information leaves the reader ill-informed. It is tantamount to bearing false witness.

The statement says, "We value the health and safety of the population, which includes the maintenance of what is known as "herd immunity."" This statement expresses the principles of the "common good." That is, it is making the individual's health less important than the population's health. Jesus Christ died for the world, but He treats the work of salvation as an individual work.[1237] It is unbiblical to suggest that the individual does not matter in comparison to the collective.

The final paragraph of the statement says, "We are not the conscience of the individual church member, and we recognize individual choices. These choices are exercised by the individual. Refusal of immunization is not and should not be seen as a teaching nor a doctrine of the Seventh-day Adventist Church." The question that a thoughtful reader of this statement should ask is, "What is the teaching or doctrine of the Seventh-day Adventist Church?"

The final paragraph states that the individual's conscience matters and that individual choice is recognised. However, the statement also says, if a person uses their conscience and individual choice to refuse immunization, it is not a teaching or doctrine of the Church.

The *Immunization* statement makes it clear that only the person whose 'conscience' tells them to take the vaccine is in

K. Faksova et al., "COVID-19 Vaccines and Adverse Events of Special Interest: A Multinational Global Vaccine Data Network (GVDN) Cohort Study of 99 Million Vaccinated Individuals," *Vaccine* 42, no. 9 (April 2, 2024): 2200–2211, accessed December 28, 2025, https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0264410X24001270.
Wojciech Nazar et al., "Serious Adverse Drug Reactions Associated with Anti-SARS-CoV-2 Vaccines and Their Reporting Trends in the EudraVigilance Database," *Scientific Reports* 15 (2025): 18582, accessed December 28, 2025, https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-025-03428-3.
Rita Karam et al., "Serious Adverse Events Following Immunization with COVID-19 Vaccines in Lebanon: A Retrospective Analysis of the National Pharmacovigilance Database," *BMC Public Health* 24 (2024): 2905, accessed December 28, 2025, https://link.springer.com/article/10.1186/s12889-024-20297-z.

[1237] John 10:14–15; Galatians 2:20.

harmony with the teaching and doctrine of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Therefore, according to this statement, individual choice and liberty of conscience are not a doctrine of the Church.

Jesus Christ has sacrificed for the liberty of conscience, even of those who choose to reject Him. The soul that sins is meant to die.[1238] Through the sacrifice of the Son of God, the Lamb of the world,[1239] God has generally granted humanity 70 years[1240] in which to persistently rebel and work against Him. When Jesus was being tortured and tormented in the hours before His death, He did nothing to stop the perpetrators and continued to sustain their lives.[1241] Jesus died for individual liberty of conscience, and as Christians, we should be willing to do the same.

This statement attempts to give the appearance of consulting divinely inspired words and upholding liberty of conscience, when the reality is entirely the opposite. It reads like the *UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, which gives a long list of all the rights that a person is entitled to have, but in one clause at the end of the declaration (29.3), it sweeps all those rights away.[1242] What spirit inspires such duplicity?

Statement of Confidence in the Writings of Ellen G White[1243] Statement

Date Voted: "This statement was voted by the General Conference Session of the Seventh-day Adventists Church in San Antonio, Texas, July 2–11, 2015."[1244]

[1238] Genesis 2:17; Ezekiel 18:20.
[1239] Revelation 13:8.
[1240] Psalm 90:10.
[1241] Isaiah 53:7; Acts 17:28.
[1242] United Nations, *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, accessed December 28, 2025, https://www.un.org/en/about-us/universal-declaration-of-human-rights.
[1243] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Statement of Confidence in the Writings of Ellen G. White," Official Statements, July 7, 2015, accessed December 28, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/statement-of-confidence-in-the-writings-of-ellen-g-white.
[1244] Ibid.

UN Event / Document**:** There is no UN-related event that appears to have precipitated the release of this statement. The *Immunization* statement was released in the same year, approximately 2 months before.

Theological Concerns: Ellen White clearly practiced the gift of prophecy, as evidenced by the agreement between her inspired writings and the Bible. However, this statement says that the delegates express their deep gratitude "for the prophetic guidance we have received through the life and ministry of Ellen G White." Whilst the inspired writing of Ellen White gives prophetic guidance, it is inaccurate to say that her life and ministry in general give prophetic guidance.

It is impossible to know, except through second-hand reports, what Ellen White's life and ministry entailed. Thus, incorrect conclusions and assertions have been made regarding Ellen White, which have then formed the basis for advocating particular doctrines. For example, there was never any mention of vaccination or immunization in the writings of Ellen White,[1245] but her supposed 'life' practices were used to advocate for the vaccine.

Whilst she was still alive, her grandson-in-law and office assistant, D.E. Robinson, responded to a letter addressed to Ellen White about vaccination, stating that she did not have any specific guidance on the matter. In 1924, nine years after Ellen White died, her son reported that she had never given any instructions regarding vaccines. However, in 1931, D.E. Robinson wrote a letter in response to a vaccination question saying that Ellen White had received the smallpox vaccination.[1246]

The inclusion in this Official Statement of the sentence to say that God's people receive guidance through her life and ministry opens the door for others, in biographical format, to add their own doctrines to the inspired writings of Ellen White.

[1245] Ellen G. White Estate, "EGW Vaccinations," accessed December 28, 2025, https://whiteestate.org/about/issues/vaccinations.
[1246] Ibid.

It is possible that this statement was released when it was, so that it could justify just such an erroneous use of the ministry of Ellen White to justify the *Immunization* statement.

Statement on Transgenderism[1247]

Date Voted: "This statement was voted by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Executive Committee at the *Spring Meeting*, on April 11, 2017."[1248]

UN Event / Document**:** In June 2016, the UN Human Rights Council adopted *Resolution 32/2 Protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.* As part of this resolution, the Human Rights Commission decided to appoint an Independent Expert who was mandated to "raise awareness of violence and discrimination against persons on the bases of their sexual orientation and gender identity."[1249]

In this resolution, the Human Rights Council then went on to write that it,

> "Encourages all relevant stakeholders, including United Nations agencies, programmes and funds, human rights mechanisms, national human rights institutions, national independent monitoring frameworks, civil society [NGOs], the private sector, donors and development agencies to cooperate fully with the Independent Expert to enable the mandate holder to fulfil his or her mandate."[1250]

[1247] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *Statement on Transgenderism*, Official Statements, April 12, 2017, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, accessed January 3, 2026, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/statement-on-transgenderism/
[1248] Ibid.
[1249] United Nations Human Rights Council, *Protection against Violence and Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity: Resolution* (A/HRC/RES/32/2), adopted July 15, 2016, United Nations Digital Library, 2, accessed December 28, 2025, https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/845552?ln=en&v=pdf.
[1250] Ibid., 3.

The first report from the independent expert in June 2017 spoke of the integral work the NGOs were doing to support this mandate.[1251]

UN *Free and Equal*, "a global United Nations campaign for equal rights and the fair treatment of lesbian, gay, bi, trans and intersex (LGBTI) people everywhere," launched its campaign in 2013 and released a report in 2017.[1252]

Theological Concerns: This statement attempts to give a scientific explanation to sin. All human beings have fallen short of the glory of God's character[1253] because all hearts are prone to sin.[1254] To suggest a physiological or scientific cause for transgenderism is to excuse sin as a product of faulty creation.[1255]

There is no doubt that all have been "sold under sin"[1256] by each generation from Adam until now. The Bible is clear that behaving in a way inconsistent with biological reality is a sin.[1257] However, as with every temptation, God provides a way of escape[1258] that those who are inclined towards this particular sin can be justified, washed, and sanctified by an all-loving Creator who wishes to remake them in His image.[1259]

There is other good, Biblical content to this statement, despite how it commences. However, at the very end of the statement, it says, "With all believers, transgender people are encouraged to wait on God and are offered the fullness of divine

[1251] United Nations Human Rights Council, "Report of the Independent Expert on Protection against Violence and Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity" (A/HRC/35/36), April 19, 2017, accessed December 28, 2025, https://docs.un.org/en/A/HRC/35/36.
[1252] United Nations Free & Equal Campaign, "2017 Progress Report," United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, accessed December 28, 2025, https://www.unfe.org/sites/default/files/download/2017%20Progress%20%20Report.pdf.
[1253] Romans 3:23.
[1254] Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 7:15.
[1255] James 1:13.
[1256] Romans 7:14.
[1257] Deuteronomy 22:5; Romans 1:26–32; 1 Corinthians 6:9–10; 11:14–15.
[1258] 1 Corinthians 10:13.
[1259] 1 Corinthians 6:11; Ephesians 5:26–27.

compassion, peace, and grace in anticipation of Christ's soon return when all true followers of Christ will be completely restored to God's ideal."

For the person who is struggling with the sin of transgenderism, this last sentence does not give confidence that they can be delivered from the sin before the return of Jesus Christ. This will mean they will not strive to enter into a saving relationship with Jesus even now that they may be truly free.[1260]

Jesus will reward us on His return according to the works that have been done in our lives.[1261] If the works of Jesus are not evident in the believer's life, we will be judged Christless and unable to enter into the eternal spiritual "marriage relationship" with our Saviour.[1262]

Mission Statement of the Seventh-day Adventist Church[1263]

Date Voted: Voted after it was made an Official Statement. "This statement was voted by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Executive Committee at the Annual Council Session in Silver Spring, Maryland, on October 10, 2023." It was released as an Official Statement on October 15, 2018.[1264]

UN Event / Document**:** There appears to be no distinct link between the UN and the release of this statement. The Seventh-day Adventist annual council released this statement when it presented the new strategic plan for mission, called "I will go."[1265]

[1260] Philippians 2:12–13.
[1261] Revelation 22:12.
[1262] Revelation 19:7–9; Revelation 3:15–18; Revelation 12:17.
[1263] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Mission Statement of the Seventh-day Adventist Church," Official Statements, October 15, 2018, accessed December 28, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/mission-statement-of-the-seventh-day-adventist-church.
[1264] Ibid.
[1265] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Adventist Church Presents New 'I Will Go' Strategic Plan," *Adventist Mission*, October 15, 2018, accessed December 28, 2025, https://www.adventistmission.org/adventist-church-presents-new-i-will-go-strategic-plan.

Theological Concerns: Whilst this statement makes reference to how the Bible says the gospel is to be proclaimed at the end of time (seen in Revelation 14:6–13), the remainder of the statement makes no reference to it. The statement does not call on the world to recognise God as their creator. It does not talk of calling the world to fear God or give Him glory for the hour of His judgment has come. It does not talk about separating from the world or its systems. It does not speak about warning the world of the final crises regarding religious liberty and liberty of conscience that are going to come, as mandated worship is going to be enforced on the Earth. All of which are mentioned in Revelation 14:6–13.

The statement focuses on the 'social gospel' that represents Jesus Christ as one of the palatable alternatives for sinners. There is no loud cry for repentance and call for spiritual preparation through examining the soul that God's end-time people require.[1266]

Statement on the Biblical View of Unborn Life and Its Implications for Abortion[1267]

Date Voted: "This statement was voted by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Executive Committee at the Annual Council Session in Silver Spring, Maryland on October 16, 2019."[1268]

UN Event / Document**:** The UN Security Council *Resolution 2467 on Prevention and Response to Conflict-related Sexual Violence* was voted on 23 April 2019.[1269] According to a commentary hosted on the UN.org website, the resolution,

[1266] Revelation 3:14–22; Revelation 14:6–7.
[1267] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "Statement on the Biblical View of Unborn Life and Its Implications for Abortion," Official Statements, October 16, 2019, accessed December 28, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/statement-on-the-biblical-view-of-unborn-life-and-its-implications-for-abortion.
[1268] Ibid.
[1269] United Nations Security Council, *Resolution 2467 (2019) on Conflict-Related Sexual Violence in Armed Conflict* (S/RES/2467), April 23, 2019, accessed December 28, 2025, https://peacemaker.un.org/sites/default/files/document/files/2022/08/n1911828.pdf.

whilst not mentioning abortion, does indirectly refer to abortion as part of sexual and reproductive rights.[1270] The UN reiterated this on International Safe Abortion Day (September 28, 2019).[1271]

Theological Concerns: This is the third Official Statement that talks of abortion. The first is the *Birth Control* statement of 1994, and the second is the *Christian Principles for Genetic Interventions* of 1995. Why is it that abortion keeps being revisited in Official Statements? The Bible says, "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways."[1272] David wrote, "I have set the LORD always before me: because *he is* at my right hand, I shall not be moved."[1273] If the principles of abortion were founded on solid Biblical grounds, it would not be necessary to keep writing statements on this topic.

One Humanity: A Human Relations Statement Addressing Racism, Casteism, Tribalism, and Ethnocentrism[1274]

Date Voted: "This statement was voted by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Administrative Committee in Silver Spring, Maryland, on September 15, 2020."[1275]

UN Event / Document**:** 2020 marked the start of the *Decade of Action*. The video used to explain this drive, called *Working stronger together to achieve the SDGs*, the UN Deputy Secretary-

[1270] Christine Chinkin and Madeleine Rees, "Commentary on Security Council Resolution 2467: Continued State Obligation and Civil Society Action on Sexual Violence in Conflict," July 22, 2019, accessed December 28, 2025, https://www.un.org/sexualviolenceinconflict/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/report/commentary-on-security-council-resolution-2467/19_0496_WPS_Commentary_Report_online.pdf.
[1271] Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, "International Safe Abortion Day 28 September 2019," accessed December 28, 2025, https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2019/09/international-safe-abortion-day28-september-2019.
[1272] James 1:8.
[1273] Psalm 16:8.
[1274] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, "One Humanity: A Human Relations Statement Addressing Racism, Casteism, Tribalism, and Ethnocentrism," Official Statements, September 15, 2020, accessed December 30, 2025, https://gc.adventist.org/official-statements/one-humanity-a-human-relations-statement-addressing-racism-casteism-tribalism-and-ethnocentrism.
[1275] Ibid.

General said, "This is a whole of society pitch to try to make everyone's life matter and be included in the development process."[1276] On March 26, 2020, the High Representative for the *UN Alliance of Civilizations* issued a statement titled *A Joint Call for Solidarity, Compassion*, *and Unity.* This expresses many of the same sentiments of human solidarity as the GC statement.[1277]

Theological Concerns: Biblical concerns about believing in one humanity and human solidarity are explored further in Why is it essential that the Christian not be in solidarity with the world?

GC invited UN officials to speak at official Church events.

- Robert Muller, undersecretary of the UN and secretary of ECOSOC, was invited to be the guest speaker at the annual *Adventist Serviceman and Laymen Industries* (ASI) banquet in 1980. The GC committee meeting minutes that make mention of the invitation explicitly state that he was currently writing a book entitled *Global Spirituality: The Planet of God.*[1278] A book by the aforementioned title was never published. The book Muller published after attending the ASI banquet was titled *New Genesis: Shaping a Global Spirituality.* In this book he wrote,

[1276] "Working stronger together to achieve the SDGs," YouTube video, 0:00:20, posted January 10, 2020, accessed December 31, 2025, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SAPmMMBgmnk, referred to in "Decade of Action" (Article), Joint SDG Fund, accessed December 31, 2025, https://www.jointsdgfund.org/decade-action.
[1277] Miquel Moratinos, Adama Dieng, "A Joint call for Solidarity, Compassion and Unity," UNAOC, March 26, 2020, accessed December 31, 2025, https://www.unaoc.org/2020/03/a-joint-call-for-solidarity-compassion-and-unity.
[1278] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *General Conference Committee Minutes, August 1980* (Washington, D.C.: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 1980), 80-229, accessed December 16, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1980-08.pdf.

"We are too heavy, too Earthbound. We must elevate ourselves again as light, cosmic beings in deep communion with the universe and eternity. We must re-establish the unity of our planet and of our beings with the universe and divinity. We must have our roots in the Earth and our hearts in heaven. We must see our planet and ourselves as cells of a universe which is becoming increasingly conscious of itself in us. That is our royal road out of the present bewilderment."[1279]

When GC President Neal Wilson subsequently spoke of Robert Muller's attendance at the ASI banquet, he called Robert Muller the UN's "prophet of hope." Wilson also said that Muller and his wife, "Discovered that there is another universal and truly catholic organization, the Seventh-day Adventist Church."[1280]

- In September 1999, the Undersecretary General of the UN, Joseph Reed, presented to the GC *Annual Council*, where he was introduced by Bert B. Beach. Reed said, "The United Nations is the only universal, governmental organization which encourages cooperation between all nations. It seeks to promote peace, protect human rights, and strengthen international law."[1281]

  He ended his talk with, "We need you, we need your support, we need your counsel." The committee meeting minutes say, "G Ralph Thompson, Secretary of the General Conference, offered a prayer of

[1279] Charles A. Müller, *The New Genesis: Shaping a Global Spirituality* (Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1982), 37, accessed December 12, 2025, https://archive.org/details/newgenesisshapin00mull/mode/2up.
[1280] Neal Wilson, "Cooperation and Interaction," *Adventist Review* 158, no. 10 (March 5, 1981): 3, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/RH/RH19810305-V158-10.pdf.
[1281] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *General Conference Committee Minutes, September–October 1999 (ACb)* (Silver Spring, MD: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 1999), 99-156–99-157, accessed December 17, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1999-09-10ACb.pdf.

thankfulness and a request for guidance for Ambassador Joseph Reed, his family, and the work of the United Nations."[1282]

In his speech, Reed identified Neal Wilson as a close friend, and he also said, "I consider myself part of your world." The GC president, Jan Paulsen, responded with these words after Joseph Reed had finished speaking,

"In many ways our values and objectives as a Church overlap with those of the UN," said Paulsen. "This is particularly true in areas of tolerance, acceptance, religious liberty and development aid, as witnessed by both the Adventist Development and Relief Agency and the International Religious Liberty Association being recognized by the UN. Words that you have used such as freedom, human rights, development, education and a commitment to hope are frequently used in the vocabulary of the Church. They are values to which we are deeply and strongly committed."[1283]

- In the year 2000, the same Joseph Reed as above was invited to the GC in session. He told the delegates that the UN was their UN.[1284]

  In 2015, the same Joseph Reed organised a meeting between the GC president and the secretary general. He was called a 'friend of Seventh-day Adventists,'[1285]

[1282] Ibid
[1283] Christian B. Schaeffler, "EUN Under-Secretary Shares Concerns with Adventists," *Adventist Press Service*, October 1, 1999, archived at *World Christian Forum*, accessed January 4, 2026, https://archive.wfn.org/1999/10/msg00036.html.
[1284] Elijah's Loud Cry, "UN Invited by General Conference President to the GC Session," *YouTube Video*, 16:05, posted September 18, 2025, accessed October 2025, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ae3-QVk6gVc.
[1285] "Adventist Church President Holds First Meeting With UN Chief," *Adventist Review*, April 7, 2015, accessed December 28, 2025, https://adventistreview.org/news/adventist-church-president-holds-first-meeting-with-un-chief.

and considered himself a 'good friend' of former GC president Neal Wilson.[1286]

A startling fact about Joseph Reed: According to a 1991 US government congressional record, Ambassador Joseph Verner Reed was admitted into the *Order of [Pope] Pius IX*. He was conferred the *Papal Honor Knight Commander with Star of the Order of Pius IX*.[1287] On the *Seattle Times* website, they have a photo of him in his later life.[1288] In a book of pictures of well-known personalities, there is a photo of Joseph Reed wearing medals obtained throughout his career and standing in front of the UN flag. Around his neck hangs the medallion of *The Papal Order of Pius IX*.[1289] It is awarded by the Catholic Church. It is "One of the most prestigious symbols of recognition within the papal honor system."[1290]

- In October 2015, Ambassador Iqbal Riza met with GC President Ted Wilson and other leaders from around the world to discuss current humanitarian issues at an official lunch meeting at the GC headquarters. Ganoune Diop, the director for PARL, said, "I believe

[1286] Tadaomi Shinmyo, "IRLA Bermuda Conference—Significant Guest Speakers," *Northern Asia-Pacific Division News & Views* 5, no. 49 (April 2001): 3, accessed January 4, 2026, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/NSDNV/NSD-NV-200104-V05-49.pdf.
[1287] Congress, *AWARDS, MEDALS, PRIZES*, Congressional Record Index (1991), GovInfo, accessed December 28, 2025, https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CRI-1991/html/CRI-1991-AWARDS-MEDALS-PRIZES.htm.
[1288] Edith M. Lederer, "Joseph Verner Reed Jr., U.N. Official and Ex-U.S. Envoy, Dies," *Seattle Times*, September 30, 2016, accessed December 28, 2025, https://www.seattletimes.com/nation-world/joseph-verner-reed-jr-un-official-and-ex-us-envoy-dies.
[1289] Graydon Carter and Cullen Murphy, *Anderson & Sheppard: A Style Is Born* (London: Quercus, 2011), item page, *The Cary Collection*, accessed December 28, 2025, https://thecarycollection.com/products/anderson-sheppard-a-style-is-born-2001-carter-graydon-murphy-cullen-edited-by.
[1290] Pontifical Order of Pius IX, "The Pontifical Order of Pius IX: The Legacy of Papal Nobility, Service, and Merit," *PapalOrders.ie*, March 23, 2025, accessed December 28, 2025, https://papalorders.ie/the-pontifical-order-of-pius-ix-the-legacy-of-papal-nobility-service-and-merit.

> it's important we continue building positive relationships with the UN and others within the international community whose goals overlap with ours."[1291] (emphasis added).

Why not speak for an institution like the United Nations?

The Christian is to sit in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.[1292] Thus, our citizenship is in heaven,[1293] where our treasures also are.[1294] Jesus said, His kingdom is not of this world.[1295] Consequently, we do not fight against flesh and blood, but with spiritual entities and wickedness in high places.[1296]

God has always revealed to us that those who sit in high places on this Earth, the politicians, the merchants, civil society leaders, and institutional religious leaders, unite to wage war against Jesus Christ.[1297] The UN is a confederation of all of these types of leaders.

The war between Jesus Christ and Satan has primarily been a war of words, and it will always continue to be.[1298] In the final hours of Earth's history, Jesus has a threefold message to share with the world found in Revelation 14:6–13.

The confederacy of evil at the end of time will also have a threefold message to share — inspired by a false spirit that is represented as coming out of the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet.[1299] "Through his policy also, he shall cause craft [deceit] to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify *himself* in

[1291] "United Nations Aide Visits Adventist Church Headquarters," *Adventist Review*, October 14, 2015, accessed December 28, 2025, https://adventistreview.org/news/united-nations-adviser-visits-adventist-church-headquarters.
[1292] Ephesians 2:6.
[1293] Philippians 3:20.
[1294] Matthew 6:21.
[1295] John 18:36.
[1296] Ephesians 6:12.
[1297] Psalms 2:1–3; Revelation 16 14–16; 17:14; 20:7–9.
[1298] John 1:1; Isaiah 14:13–14; Revelation 19:11–15.
[1299] Revelation 16:13–14.

his heart, and by peace shall destroy many.[1300]" As has been shown repeatedly, the messages from the UN are founded in Spiritualism and evolution, which seek to destroy any faith in God.

The leaders of the UN are resistant to the Holy Spirit in that they do not recognise Jesus Christ as the only way to salvation.[1301] They may profess some sort of belief in a god, but God is a jealous God who does not recognise any other supposed deity.[1302]

No man can serve two masters. He will hate the one and serve the other.[1303] "God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth."[1304] Christians cannot declare the message of Jesus Christ with clarity and fidelity whilst simultaneously sharing a message that is attempting to replace Jesus.

The Bible admonishes us, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."[1305]

> *"Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."[1306]*

If Christians speak the words of the enemy of Jesus, they will receive the plagues of God's wrath at the end of time.[1307]

[1300] Daniel 8:25.
[1301] John 14:6.
[1302] Exodus 20:2–11.
[1303] Luke 16:13.
[1304] 1 John 1:5–6.
[1305] Galatians 6:7–8.
[1306] Matthew 12:26–27.
[1307] Revelation 22:18; Proverbs 30:6.

"In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips *is* wise."[1308] There appears to be no limit to the UN instruments (treaties, resolutions, conventions, press releases, and so forth), exploring the same themes over and over again. Furthermore, since becoming involved with the UN in 1945, the GC released the Fundamental Beliefs and, since officially joining in 1985, 58 statements; all within 40 years. These statements also repeatedly explore the same themes.

The words of the UN have already been used to persecute those who did not wish to have the mandated vaccine during the COVID pandemic. The words of the GC have already facilitated that persecution and continue to enable it.

Neither the UN instruments nor the statements and policies released by the GC have led to greater unity or peace. The multitude of man's words only inspires fear of man. The world and the Church are more fragmented than ever. The Word of God is to be our only standard. It inspires fear [respect] of God. The pure Word of God is to be our only shield, guide, and lamp to our feet in this troubling world. We must abide by the words of the Bible; it will give us peace, keep us righteous, and united.[1309]

To the Israelites, this warning was given,

> *"Ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down their altars: …they shall be as thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you."*[1310]

When we enter into agreements with the world, their gods enslave the Church. When the leadership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church entered into a working relationship with the UN, it required acceptance of their principles, philosophy, and

[1308] Proverbs 10:19.
[1309] Psalm 119:105–106; Proverbs 30:5; Ephesians 5:26; 1 John1:7; Isaiah 9:7.
[1310] Judges 2:2–3.

goals. It has divided the House of God, and a house that is divided cannot stand.[1311]

Paul wrote,

> *"Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple."[1312]*

If there is division in the Christian world today, it is not because of a lack of cooperation; it is because doctrine that does not agree with the law and the testimony[1313] (the Bible) has been introduced. Christians need to return to the Word of God and avoid those who want to add man's words to God's.

One faithful Christian author wrote,

> *"Let none say, "You must bind yourselves by specified agreements to do thus and so, or else you cannot be endorsed by us." The signing of such agreements must cease. The day for work of this kind is past. It has already wrought much mischief. The Lord is our guide and our ruler. Let us bind ourselves up with Him. God does not desire men to be under binding agreements; for He is to move in His own way. Every yoke is now to be broken. The truth as it is in Jesus is of sufficient binding force to hold every mind, control every impulse, and direct every movement. Those whom God would control if they would submit to Him, but who do not choose to walk humbly with Him, are not to make terms for others. Let every man*

[1311] Matthew 12:25.
[1312] Romans 16:17–
[1313] Isaiah 8:20.

> *look to God, not to men. The Lord God of heaven rules."*[1314]

[1314] Ellen G. White, *Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers* (Mountain View, CA: Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1923), 480–81.

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Church Religious Liberty

IRLA, AIDLR, and sister organizations are SDA religious liberty arms.

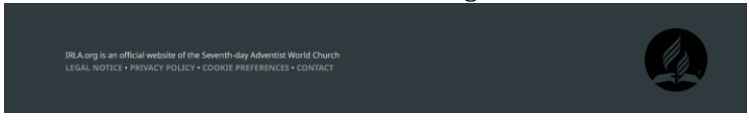
In 1999, when PARL was providing its updated *Statement of Purpose*, it said,

> [PARL] "will include appropriate strategic contacts and relationships with various governments, the United Nations, especially the Economic and Social Council and the Human Rights Commission, and the United States Congress and State Department."
>
> "The Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department gives support to the International Religious Liberty Association in publishing the journal Fides et Libertas and a newsletter, IRLA Information."[1315]

Some of the back ground of how closely IRLA and AIDLR are affiliated to and representative of the Seventh-day Adventist Church was covered in Abbreviations and Terms. Whether or not they officially proclaim to represent the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the public forum needs to be tested against the cumulative evidence of representation.

IRLA, a religious liberty arm of the SDA Church.

- The irla.org website has the following banner at the bottom of its website, IRLA.org:


IRLA.org is an official website of the Seventh-day Adventist World Church
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[1315] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *General Conference Committee Minutes, September–October 1999 (ACc)* (Silver Spring, MD: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 1999), 99-193–99-194, accessed December 17, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1999-09-10ACc.pdf.

- Every member of the board is a Seventh-day Adventist in high-level employment in the Seventh-day Adventist Church administration.**1316**
    - Harrington S. Akombwa: President of the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division[1317]
    - Stanley E. Arco: President of the Adventist Church in South America[1318]
    - Alexander G. Bryant: President of the North American Division[1319]
    - Roger O. Caderma: President of the Southern Asia Pacific Division[1320]
    - John V. Chinta: President of the Southern Asia Division[1321]
    - Abner De los Santos: President Inter-American Division[1322]
    - Paul H. Douglas: Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer of the GC[1323]

[1316] International Religious Liberty Association, *"Who We Are,"* IRLA, accessed December 28, 2025, https://www.irla.org/who-we-are.
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- Karnik Doukmetzian: General counsel for the GC of Seventh-day Adventists[1324]
- Daniel Duda: President of the Trans-European Division[1325]
- Daniel Wang Xin Jiao: President of the Chinese Union Mission[1326]
- Leonard A. Johnson: GC General Vice President[1327]
- Orlan Johnson: PARL Director for the North American Division[1328]
- Mikhail F. Kaminskiy: President of the Euro-Asia Division[1329]
- Joshua Soongi Kang: President of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division[1330]
- Erton C. Kohler: President of the GC
- Bettina Krause: Associate director of the NAD PARL department[1331]

[1324] "Doukmetzian, Karnik," author profile, *Ministry Magazine*, accessed January 2, 2026, https://www.ministrymagazine.org/authors/doukmetzian-karnik.
[1325] "Daniel Duda Elected President of TED," *Trans-European Division of Seventh-day Adventists*, accessed January 2, 2026, https://ted.adventist.org/news/daniel-duda-elected-president-of-ted/.
[1326] "Chinese Union Mission," yearbook entry, *Adventist Yearbook (Seventh-day Adventist Online Yearbook)*, accessed January 2, 2026, https://www.adventistyearbook.org/entity?EntityID=10387.
[1327] "Leonard A. Johnson Elected as General Conference General Vice President," *Adventist News Network*, accessed January 2, 2026, https://adventist.news/news/leonard-a.-johnson-elected-as-general-conference-general-vice-president.
[1328] Seventh-day Adventist Church, Department of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty, "Public Affairs and Religious Liberty News, May 09 2022," *AdventistLiberty.org*, May 9, 2022, accessed January 3, 2026, https://www.adventistliberty.org/public-affairs-and-religious-liberty-news,-may-09,-2022
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- Barna Magyarosi: President of the Inter-European Division[1332]
- Richard E. McEdward: General Secretary of the GC
- Ivan Omana: Director/Endorser of Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries and President of Adventist Chaplaincy Institute at the GC of SDAs[1333]
- Roman Prodaniuk: President of the Ukrainian Union Conference[1334]
- Rick Remmers: President at the North American Division[1335]
- Blasious M. Ruguri: President East Central Africa Division[1336]
- Denis Sand: President of the Middle East and North Africa Union[1337]
- Dragan D. Stojanovic: President Israel Field[1338]
- Glenn C. Townend: President South Pacific Division[1339]

[1332] Seventh-day Adventist Church, "Barna Magyarosi Was Appointed the New President of the Inter-European Division," *Adventist News — Euro-Asia Division*, October 23, 2025, accessed January 3, 2026, https://news.eud.adventist.org/all-news/barna-magyarosi-was-appointed-the-new-president-of-the-inter-european-division.

[1333] Adventist Chaplains Resource, "About | Leadership," *AdventistChaplains.org*, accessed January 3, 2026, https://www.adventistchaplains.org/about/leadership/.

[1334] Ukrainian Council of Churches and Religious Organizations, "Roman Prodanyuk," *VRCIRO.ua* (profile page), accessed January 3, 2026, https://vrciro.ua/en/council/member/roman-prodanyuk.

[1335] North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, "Rick Remmers," *NADAdventist.org* (directory profile), accessed January 3, 2026, https://www.nadadventist.org/directory/people/rick-remmers/.

[1336] East-Central Africa Division of Seventh-day Adventists, "Presidential," *ECD.Adventist.org*, accessed January 3, 2026, https://www.africansdahistory.org/ecd-presidents/.

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[1339] Seventh-day Adventist Church, *"Townend Returned as SPD President," Adventist Record*, July 8, 2025, accessed January 3, 2026,

  - David Trim: Director of the Office of Archives, Statistics, and Research.[1340]
  - Alyssa Truman: Director of GC Communication for the Seventh-day Adventist Church[1341]
  - Bassey Udoh: President of the West-Central Africa Division[1342]

- "All PARL staff are either officers of IRLA or support staff, although these are voluntary positions, in keeping with IRLA's charter."[1343] This means those working for IRLA are employees of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.
- "The PARL director of the church will be the Secretary General or the Executive Director of the association."[1344]

A Form 990 is usually required for tax-exempt institutions to submit to the Internal Revenue Service in the United States on an annual basis. Churches and their affiliated institutions are not required to submit Form 990s.[1345] There is no Form 990 for IRLA. This indicates that the IRLA is still considered a part of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. This conclusion is further

https://record.adventistchurch.com/2025/07/08/townend-returned-as-spd-president/.

[1340] Adventist Research, "Research & Evaluation Team," *AdventistResearch.info*, accessed January 3, 2026, https://www.adventistresearch.info/about-us/research-evaluation-team/.

[1341] Seventh-day Adventist Church, *"Alyssa Truman Elected as GC Communication Director," Adventist News Network*, July 8, 2025, accessed January 3, 2026, https://adventist.news/news/alyssa-truman-elected-as-gc-communication-director.

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[1343] Adventist Liberty, "PARL and the International Religious Liberty Association," accessed December 25, 2025, https://www.adventistliberty.org/irla.

[1344] Ibid.

[1345] Internal Revenue Service, *Annual Exempt Organization Return: Who Must File*, U.S. Department of the Treasury, updated August 20, 2025, accessed December 25, 2025, https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/annual-exempt-organization-return-who-must-file.

supported by this assertion from the IRLA itself: "The IRLA is an independent organization, but with strong links to the church and to the PARL department. In practice, this means that the church supports the IRLA and its national associations"[1346] (emphasis added).

In the PARL report to the 2025 GC in Session, Ganoune Diop (the Director of the PARL department) said,

> "Given the importance of freedom of conscience, the Seventh-day Adventist Church created the North American Religious Liberty Association in 1889. In 1893, it expanded to become the International Religious Liberty Association (IRLA). It is the oldest religious liberty association. Seventh-day Adventists have been champions of religious liberty ever since."[1347]

This clearly suggests that the IRLA's work is seen as part of the Seventh-day Adventist Church's efforts to "champion" religious liberty.

At the same GC in Session, Ganoune Diop said PARL (a department of the Seventh-day Adventist GC) is also involved in a variety of additional activities, such as

> "Publishing meaningful and useful materials that contribute to Seventh-day Adventist equipment for sharing our faith in the public space. *Fides et Libertas* is a yearly academic journal shared with several libraries. It focuses on various aspects of religious liberty"[1348] (emphasis supplied).

[1346] Adventist Liberty, "PARL and the International Religious Liberty Association," accessed December 25, 2025, https://www.adventistliberty.org/irla.
[1347] Ganoune Diop, "Ambassadors and Advocates: The Crucial Work of Religious Liberty and Public Relations," *General Conference Session Bulletin*, 62nd General Conference Session of Seventh-day Adventists (St. Louis, MO, July 2025), 52–56, 54, accessed December 25, 2025, https://session.adventistreview.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/GC-2025-B0.pdf.
[1348] Ibid., 56.

The *Fides et Libertas* is the journal of the IRLA.[1349] Why would the Director of PARL refer to the *Fides et Libertas* initiative when reporting on the SDA church department of PARL if it wasn't in fact an instrument of the Seventh-day Adventist Church? Editions from 1998 to 2007 are listed on the adventistarchives.org website.[1350]

The adventistarchives.org website says,

- "The *Office of Archives, Statistics, and Research* is commissioned to preserve all materials produced by the GC of Seventh-day Adventists and its departments. The archives house more than 14,000 feet of records covering the entire period of the Seventh-day Adventist Church history"[1351] (emphasis supplied).
- The *Religious Freedom World Report*, 2021 is copyrighted to the PARL department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The first sentence of the report says, "As a brief reminder of the extraordinary journey of our association, IRLA, it is worth remembering that IRLA began its trajectory and passion for advocacy and promotion of religious freedom, back in 1893, when the association was officially charted"[1352] (emphasis supplied). This indicates that the GC and PARL departments view the IRLA as part of the Church.

[1349] International Religious Liberty Association, *Fides et Libertas: The Journal of the International Religious Liberty Association*, accessed December 25, 2025, https://www.irla.org/fides-et-libertas.
[1350] *Fides Et Libertas*, periodical listing, Seventh-day Adventist Online Archives, Office of Archives, Statistics, and Research, accessed December 25, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Periodicals/Forms/AllItems.aspx?RootFolder=%2fPeriodicals%2fFEL&FolderCTID=0x012000DDAC5B94CFBD234AB142FC5C311C732700042C85EA7C1C1A4DB8D75C62A7517A6E.
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[1352] Public Affairs and Religious Liberty, *Religious Freedom World Report 2021*, Seventh-day Adventist World Church, 2021, accessed December 25, 2025, https://www.adventistliberty.org/world-report-2021.pdf.

AIDLR is a religious liberty arm of the SDA Church.

- It is recognised in Seventh-day Adventist periodicals as being affiliated with the Church.[1353]
- At the 2025 GC in session, it was acknowledged as a sister organization of the IRLA.[1354]
- All AIDLR board members[1355] have been employed in high-level positions with the Seventh-day Adventist Church administration:
    - Mario Brito — Current president of AIDLR: Former president of the Inter-European Division of Seventh-day Adventists[1356]
    - Liviu Olteanu — Current Secretary General of AIDLR: Previously worked at the regional headquarters of the Inter-European Division of Seventh-day Adventists[1357]
    - Barna Magyarosi: Division president for the Inter-European Division of Seventh-day Adventists[1358]

[1353] UN Event Boosts Visibility of Religious Freedom NGO," Adventist News Network, accessed December 28, 2025, https://adventist.news/news/un-event-boosts-visibility-of-religious-freedom-ngo

[1354] Ganoune Diop, "The Crucial Work of Religious Liberty and Public Relations," in *General Conference Session Supplement*, ed. by Adventist Review, 2025, 52–56, accessed December 8, 2025, On p. 54 https://session.adventistreview.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/GC-2025-B0.pdf

[1355] International Association for the Defence of Religious Liberty, *"Board of Directors,"* AIDLR, accessed December 28, 2025, https://www.aidlr.org/board.php.

[1356] EUD News, "I Will Serve the Lord and Work for His Kingdom Until the Day I Die. I Invite You to Do the Same. It's a Blessing, It's a Motivation, It's a Purpose," interview with Mário Brito by Paulo Macedo, July 8, 2025, accessed December 28, 2025, https://news.eud.adventist.org/all-news/i-will-serve-the-lord-and-work-for-his-kingdom-until-the-day-i-die.-i-invite-you-to-do-the-same.-it%E2%80%99s-a-blessing-it%E2%80%99s-a-motivation-it%E2%80%99s-a-purpose.

[1357] Trans-European Division, Inter-European Division, and *Adventist Review*, "Two Major Regions of the European Church Elect Department Leaders," *Adventist Review*, May 26, 2021, accessed December 28, 2025, https://adventistreview.org/news/two-major-regions-of-the-european-church-elect-department-leaders.

[1358] EUD Staff, "Barna Magyarosi Was Appointed the New President of the Inter-European Division," *EUD News*, July 8, 2025, accessed December 28, 2025, https://news.eud.adventist.org/all-news/barna-magyarosi-was-appointed-the-new-president-of-the-inter-european-division.

- Norbert Zens: Treasurer of the Inter-European Division of Seventh-day Adventists[1359]
- Stephan Sigh: President of the German Swiss Conference of Seventh-day Adventists [1360]
- Oscar Lopez: President of the Spanish Union of Churches Conference of Seventh-day Adventists [1361]

Why does this affiliation with the SDA Church matter?

If the IRLA and IADRL are receiving funds to promote religious liberty on behalf of the Seventh-day Adventist membership, then they should support a Biblical view of religious liberty, one based on the last warning message for this world found in Revelation 14.

In 1946, the IRLA opened its membership to those beyond the denomination and welcomed Muslims, Buddhists, Jews, Catholics, Hindus, and other Protestants.[1362] This has diluted the true message of religious liberty and reduced it to man's conception, and the UN's definition, rather than the high and exalted standard of the Bible. Consequently, the GC of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is no longer a voice of godly, Biblical religious liberty for its members or the world!

When the Bible student considers that the last work of the antichrist in this world is to attack religious liberty, as spoken

[1359] EUD News, "Ruben de Abreu Elected Secretary – Norbert Zens Elected Treasurer of the Inter-European Division (EUD)," July 8, 2025, accessed December 28, 2025, https://news.eud.adventist.org/all-news/ruben-de-abreu-elected-secretary-norbert-zens-elected-treasurer-of-the-inter-european-division-eud.
[1360] Adventist Review, "Adventist Headlines from Around the World—April 18, 2025," *Adventist Review*, April 18, 2025, accessed December 28, 2025, https://adventistreview.org/news/adventist-headlines-from-around-the-world-april-18-2025.
[1361] Spanish Union of Churches Conference, *Adventist Yearbook*, accessed December 28, 2025, https://www.adventistyearbook.org/entity?EntityID=13866.
[1362] Marcos Paseggi, "Historian Traces Adventist Passion for Religious Freedom," *International Religious Liberty Association* (IRLA), accessed December 28, 2025, https://www.irla.org/historian-traces-adventist-passion-for-religious-freedom. Mowbray Seventh-day Adventist Church, *"Public Affairs & Religious Liberty (PARL),"* accessed December 28, 2025, https://mowbraysda.org/parl.

of in Revelation 13 and 14, then it means that the voice of true religious liberty has been silenced when it is needed most.

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Evangelistic Compromise

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."[1363]

What every Christian is called to do.

Revelation 4:11 says, "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure [due to His choice and desire] they are and were created." God has chosen each of us in Christ even before creation, "That we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved."[1364] As sons and daughters of God, humanity was made in God's likeness.[1365] Humanity was made to reveal God's glory, or in other words, His character.[1366]

Humanity lost the glory or character of God at the fall.[1367] It was to restore that glory to humanity that Jesus Christ came.[1368] It is the "mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this

[1363] Matthew 28:19-20
[1364] Ephesians 1:4–6.
[1365] Genesis 1:26.
[1366] Isaiah 43:7; Exodus 33:22; 34:6–7.
[1367] Genesis 3,4,6
[1368] Revelation 13:8; Ephesians 3:9.

mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."[1369]

Every Christian is called to, "Preach [Christ Jesus], warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus."[1370] We are to preach among all men, "The unsearchable riches of Christ; According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord."[1371]

Our primary purpose is to know Jesus Christ and to make Him known.[1372] To do that, Jesus tells us that we are to "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."[1373]

Micah 6:8 says,

> *"He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"*

The first time the word translated as 'justly' in Micah is used in the Bible is in Genesis 18:19, where it says of Abraham, "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him."[1374] The word 'justice' is the same word translated as 'justly' in the original Hebrew language of Micah 6:8.

Therefore, 'to walk justly' means to command your family to "Keep the way of the Lord." If you do a study on 'the way of the

[1369] Colossians 1:26–27.
[1370] Colossians 1:28.
[1371] Ephesians 3:10–11.
[1372] 1 Corinthians 2:2.
[1373] Matthew 28:19–20.
[1374] Genesis 18:19.

Lord,' it means to call for repentance,[1375] to walk in truth,[1376] and to "obey the voice of the Lord our God."[1377] To fulfil the requirements of 'doing justly' as it speaks of in Micah 6:8, the Christian must live in obedience and submission to all God has commanded and encourage others to do the same.

'To love mercy' is to call others to live a righteous life in harmony with God's precepts. The first time the word translated as 'mercy' in the Bible appears is in Genesis 19:19. In this passage, God magnifies His mercy to Lot by helping him escape the wickedness and doom of Sodom. Therefore, if we are to 'love mercy,' our primary aim should be to help others escape from sin and this sinful world.

The word 'humbly' used in Micah 6:8 means to be modest, humble, and lowly. There is only one other place in the Bible that this word is used: Proverbs 11:2, "*When* pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly *is* wisdom." To walk humbly is to recognise our complete frailty and dependence on our Creator and Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. We must recognise we can do no good thing unless it comes from Him.[1378] Expecting that we all naturally have 'good will' is contrary to what Micah 6:8 is telling us.

Humanitarian work without living by the Word of God, and explicitly preaching the requirements of God and the gospel of Jesus Christ as found in the Scriptures, is NOT the purpose of the Christian. It is not just, not merciful, and not humble! It does not do that which the Lord requires.

> *"The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."*[1379]

[1375] John 1:23.
[1376] Psalm 86:11.
[1377] Jeremiah 42:3–6.
[1378] James 1:17; John 15:5
[1379] 1 Corinthians 2:14; Isaiah 55:8–9.

The Holy Spirit is needed to reveal the deep things of God, including the mystery of Jesus Christ.[1380] However, the Holy Spirit is only given to those who have demonstrated a willingness to obey God.[1381] No person can obey God without knowing God's will, and they cannot know God's will if they are not taught.[1382]

The world through its wisdom does not know God, but "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."[1383] "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?"[1384]

It is the Word of God that inspires and nurtures faith in the heart of man.[1385] If we reject the Word of God, we are in fact rejecting Him.[1386] As Christians, we are to have such a love for the Word of God that it abides in our hearts.[1387] The belief that God's Word inspires will cause a fountain of living water to stream from them.[1388] Such love for God's Word will cause us to preach "the word of faith" [1389] unto the ends of the Earth[1390] until the whole Earth is lightened with His glory.[1391]

GC compromise on evangelism.

- In 1978, the GC said that the primary purpose of SAWS (the former name for ADRA) was to provide for the physical needs of victims of disasters and developing nations. It offered this care as part of a

[1380] 1 Corinthians 2:10.
[1381] Acts 5:32.
[1382] Romans 10:13–14.
[1383] 1 Corinthians 1:21.
[1384] Romans 10:13–14.
[1385] Romans 10:17.
[1386] John 7:38.
[1387] Romans 10:8; John 15:6–7.
[1388] John 7:38; John 4:14.
[1389] Romans 10:8.
[1390] Acts 13:47.
[1391] Revelation 18:1.

"non-sectarian" outreach.[1392] The GC also concluded the following

- That it was necessary for SAWS to maintain good relations with international agencies for purposes of disaster or emergency relief, where joint efforts were deemed necessary.[1393]
- To receive financial grants from government agencies it needed to be registered with those agencies.[1394] These agencies forbid proselytising whilst undertaking activities that utilise their grants.[1395]

- Now ADRA openly says that it does not proselytise.[1396]
- When the GC first joined the UN this was its *Mission Statement*:

> "The mission statement of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is to call all people to become disciples of Jesus Christ, to proclaim the everlasting gospel embraced by the three angels' messages (Rev. 14:6–12), and to prepare the world for Christ's soon return."[1397]

- In the latest *Quadrennial Report* of the GC to the UN, it says,

[1392] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *General Conference Committee Minutes, July 1978* (Washington, D.C.: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 1978), 78–167, accessed December 16, 2025, https://documents.adventistarchives.org/Minutes/GCC/GCC1978-07.pdf.
[1393] Ibid., 78–168.
[1394] Ibid., 78–170.
[1395] White House, "Partnering with the Federal Government: Some Do's and Don'ts for Faith-Based Organizations," White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, accessed via the George W. Bush White House Archives, historical material originally published ca. 2004–2006, accessed January 5, 2026, https://georgewbush-whitehouse.archives.gov/government/fbci/guidance/partnering.html.
[1396] Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), "FAQs," accessed December 28, 2025, https://adra.org/about-adra/faq.
[1397] General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *United Nations Civil Society Profile* (iCSO), accessed December 28, 2025, https://esango.un.org/civilsociety/showProfileDetail.do?method=showProfileDetails&tab=3&profileCode=864.

> "The values and principles of the organization find expression in a wide variety of activities that parallel United Nations goals, including health, education, humanitarian aid, youth training, women's issues, child development, religious freedom and human rights promotion."[1398]

Does the UN prevent Evangelism/Proselytism?

According to the *UN General Guidelines for NGO representatives*:

- NGO representatives need to ensure that "All relevant activities must be in line with the Organization's [UN]'s objectives, purposes and principles, as outlined in the Charter of the United Nations."[1399]
- "the NGO Liaison Unit reserve the right to suspend or withdraw accreditation of NGO representatives (1) who violate the ground rules on access, (2) whose activities run counter to the principles of the Charter of the 3 United Nations, (3) who abuse the privileges derived from consultative status with ECOSOC or (4) act in a way which is not consistent with the principles of the Organization."[1400] The principles of the Organization, the UN, are not to promote evangelism/proselytism to any specific religion but to have religious pluralism. Therefore, if evangelism or proselytism was to occur whilst undertaking UN-related activities, the NGO Liaison unit could suspend the accreditation.

[1398] United Nations Economic and Social Council, "Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations Addendum" (E/C.2/2014/2/Add.8), accessed December 28, 2025, https://docs.un.org/en/E/C.2/2014/2/Add.8.
[1399] United Nations, General guidelines for representatives of non-governmental organizations accredited at the United Nations Office at Geneva, Section 1.2, 2022 accessed February 19, 2026, https://www.ungeneva.org/sites/default/files/2022-12/General-guidelines-NGO-representatives.pdf.
[1400] Ibid, section 2.8

- "Publishing, distributing or disseminating material or information containing defamatory, abusive or offensive language or images is not permitted on United Nations premises."[1401] The UN decides whether something is abusive or offensive. Some of the distinctive teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist church would be considered offensive to certain religious groups.

In order for a humanitarian agency to be part of the UN, it must be signed up to a Code of Conduct.[1402] The humanitarian arm of the Seventh-day Adventist church has signed the Red Cross and Red Crescent Code of Conduct.[1403] The Red Cross Code of Conduct requires that "Aid will not be used to further a particular political or religious standpoint."[1404] Consequently, ADRA openly says it does not proselytize.

God has given us countless warnings to not enter into formal arrangements (agreements, contracts, confederacies, leagues) with the nations and other religions.[1405] One of the founding members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Ellen White, has also admonished us not to. She very plainly wrote,

> *"Between the worldly man and the one who is faithfully serving God, there is a great gulf fixed. Upon the most momentous subjects,—God, and truth, and eternity,—*

[1401] Ibid, section 5.5
[1402] United Nations, Guiding Principles for Public-Private Collaboration for Humanitarian Action, 2007, accessed February 19, 2026, https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/613220/files/World%2520Economic%2520Forum%2520-%2520OCHA%2520Guiding%2520Principles%2520for%2520Public-Private%2520Collaboration%2520in%2520Humanitarian%2520Action.pdf.
[1403] Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and NGOs in Disaster Relief, accessed February 19, 2026, https://unrwa.es/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/CICR_codeconduct_signatories-1.pdf.
[1404] International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, The Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in Disaster Relief, accessed February 19, 2026, https://www.ifrc.org/sites/default/files/2021-07/code-of-conduct-movement-ngos-english.pdf.
[1405] Judges 2:2-3; Amos 3:3; 2 Corinthians 6: 14-1.

> *their thoughts and feelings and sympathies are not in harmony. One class is ripening as wheat for the garner of God, the other as tares for the fires of destruction. How can there be unity of action or purpose between them? "Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God; whosoever, therefore, will be the friend of the world is the enemy of God." "No man can serve two masters." "Ye cannot serve God and mammon."*[1406]

This does not mean that we should never interact with the other religious leaders or those in power. We should interact, but for one purpose: to share the gospel.

God makes it clear that if we enter into agreements with the world, their "gods will be a snare unto us."[1407] It's that simple. God says so. Do we believe God knows what He is talking about or do we think we know better?

The UN believes in sustainable development, which is based on evolution and denies the coming judgment. The UN is seeking a Millennium of Peace. The UN has endorsed weekly rest laws on the international stage, which, where practicable, are to be on Sunday. The UN says (according to the UN universal declaration of human rights) we have no religious liberty where practising that liberty is "contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations" (Article 29.3 – see the section discussing the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration). Why would we think that God would use an organisation like that to facilitate the advancement of the Three Angels' Messages?

There is no doubt there are still faithful SDAs who share the true message of Revelation 14 and 18, despite this, but let's consider what the fruit of the UN relationship has brought. When the SDA church joined in 1985, it was one of only a few

[1406] Ellen G. White, *Evangelism* (Washington, DC: Review and Herald Publishing Association, 1946), 28.5.
[1407] Judges 2:3

hundred NGOs. Now there are over 6000 NGOs. In 1985, there were 159 member states; now all UN-recognised nation-states are part of the UN. Has the work of evangelism been completed? Is the church more united? Has the primitive godliness risen among us? Are we more faithful to God than ever?

Maybe it's time to believe God when He said we were not to form a league with the other nations. Let's see what God can do when we don't try to utilise the things of the world to do His work!!

"If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

2 Chronicles 7:13

"And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the Earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the Earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the Earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of

her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities."[1408]

That time has come!

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[1408] Revelation 18:1-5.